

HAIR COLOR



A sexy décor greets customers at **THE HARLOT** in Los Angeles.

DALLAS

SONGBIRD SOCIETY

6458 E. Mockingbird Lane
214-361-2070
Living-room-style touches—a weathered reception table and rustic wooden armoires that house supplies—are warm and inviting. And the service is equally unpretentious: Owner and colorist J.T. Osgood takes her time to handpaint hair, using several shades that she custom-blends for each visitor.

Regular price: \$85 and up
InStyle deal: \$68 and up



LOS ANGELES

TINT COLOR CONCEPT STUDIO

1422 B Second St.
310-395-5888
Like dry bars that offer only blowouts, this new studio specializes in super-affordable hair-color applications. Services include highlights as well as single and double process jobs using organic dyes (if you choose). Wait, it gets better. Appointments here are merely optional. But to keep prices low, clients must give themselves a blowout. Tint's motto: We dye you dry.

ATLANTA

DYER & POSTA

600 Chastain Rd., No. 216
770-514-1620
Located 20 minutes outside the city, this salon offers single process, highlights, color correction, and balayage (see glossary, p. 288) and boasts savvy staffers who are trained in the techniques of N.Y.C. color guru Marie Robinson. It's also one of only five salons in the U.S. that provide Marie Robinson's Colorist Cure conditioning treatment, an essential oil-rich formula that's applied post-dye to help lock in your new, glossy shade.

Regular price: \$50–\$140
InStyle deal: \$40–\$112

AUSTIN, TEXAS

FRANCISCO'S SALON

1400 S. Congress Ave.
Suite B-160
512-707-7626
Owner Francisco Villa is a whiz at creating subtle, was-she-born-with-it shades. Case in

point: A brunette left with a mix of highlights and lowlights, which he blended under the top layer of hair, for a natural, multidimensional auburn hue. On a sidenote, the red Craftsman toolbox drawers at every styling station are a fun touch.

Regular price: \$61 and up
InStyle deal: \$49 and up



BOSTON

MARIO RUSSO

At Fan Pier, 60 Northern Ave.
857-350-3139
Renowned stylist Mario Russo has tended to Beantown's élite for 20 years. This new location, adjacent to the chic clothing store Louis Boston, plays host to noteworthy colorist Josh Truax, who has a methodical approach—he carefully

highlights and washes hair in sections to ensure equal processing time—and a conversational style that makes sessions fly by.

Regular price: \$95–\$400
InStyle deal: \$76–\$320

CHICAGO

MIXED CO. SALON

223 W. Erie, Suite 1E
312-929-2627
For highlights, co-owner and colorist Patrick Ryan favors Painting by Patrick (see p. 28) and allows extra time between ups. Colorist Fleming, a vet from upscale Marianne S salon, recently joined. Known for her high

Regular price: \$73
InStyle deal: \$59



“WASHING HAIR IN COOL WATER—NOT HOT—WILL HELP PRESERVE YOUR COLOR.”
—J.T. OSGOOD, COLORIST

