

Genie in a Bottle

Singer Christina Aguilera's new scent hits all the right notes

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It's probably no surprise that Christina Aguilera is a girly girl: She stockpiles her favorite red lipsticks (LipSense lip stain in Blu-Red and M.A.C Lipstick in Lady Danger), collects vintage perfume bottles ("when I was a little girl, I always played with my mother's fragrances," she says), and had what she calls a "makeup station" custom-built in the Beverly Hills home she shares with husband,

Jordan Bratman, and son, Max, who'll turn one next month. The four-time Grammy winner even likens herself to a flower—specifically, freesia, the floral note that tops off her latest creative endeavor, Inspire fragrance. "They're small with a powerful scent," she says. "Kind of like me—I'm small with a big voice."

I love your new look. Have you said goodbye to red lipstick?

For my last album, my image was inspired by the '20s and '30s—it was very glam. Now I'm combining '60s mod elements like liquid eyeliner with metallic accents and straight hair and bangs. My lips used to be the focal point, but I'm getting more creative with my eyes.

Do you have any tricks to create the perfect cat eye?

Make sure you have a very steady hand! Also, I sit Indian style right in front of the mirror so I can see exactly what I'm doing. Oh, and I use an angled eyeliner brush.

Any other secret beauty weapons?

Baby powder for blond hair. When you don't have time to shampoo, it makes hair smooth and soft, and it lightens up the color. Klorane dry shampoo works great too.

You always wear a full face of makeup. What's your prescription for maintaining a clear complexion?

I never go to sleep without washing my face. I swear by M.A.C Wipes. I like to keep it pretty basic—take care of my skin, drink water, and get plenty of rest.

Speaking of basic, now that you've got a little one running around, has your beauty routine changed?

Moisturizer, foundation, lip balm, and lipstick are my daily essentials. M.A.C Hyper Real foundation has a touch of shimmer that makes my skin glow.

What was the inspiration behind your mod makeover?

I've been pulling images from pop art—Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol—then adding my own twist, more of a futuristic feel.



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