

beauty **talk****Jennifer Lopez**  
star of *Selena*

Jennifer Lopez has hung up her fly-girl boots for good. The 26-year-old, who set the style on dance floors across the country when she appeared on *In Living Color*, has made a career change: These days she's a movie star. Her dancer's flexibility should serve her well in her biggest role, that of the slain Latino singing sensation in the biographical film *Selena*. Lopez, born and raised in the Bronx, always dreamed of acting—not singing (in fact, she lip-synched throughout *Selena*). Among her other recent movies are *Money Train*, with Woody Harrelson and Wesley Snipes, Francis Ford Coppola's *Jack*, and, soon, the action-thriller *Anaconda*. Looks like this young actress is right in step for stardom.

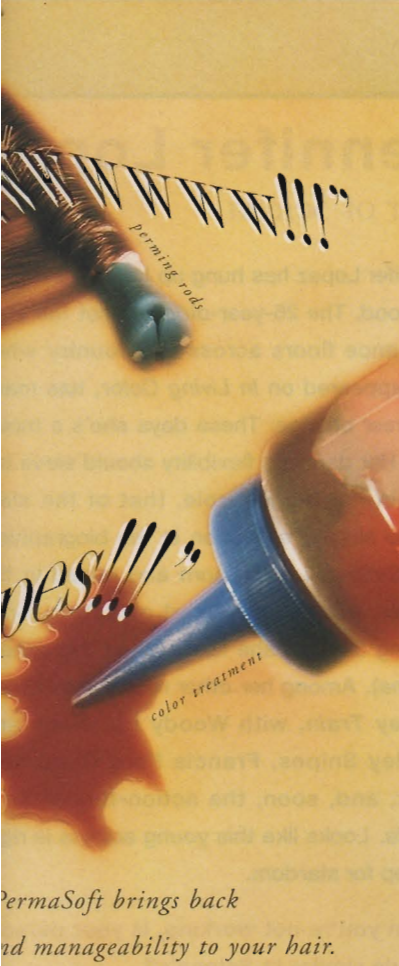
**When you're not working, is your personal style similar to Selena's?**

Our styles are very different. I'm into a more minimalist look. She wore darker makeup than I do. We also have very different taste in clothing—she wore jeweled bras with tight pants, for example, and that's not me. But part of getting into character for me was to look in the mirror and see her face and not my own.

**What kind of clothing do you usually like to wear?**

It depends on my mood. Sometimes I wear really flowery, pretty dresses; sometimes I wear black with a pair of high-heeled boots. It just depends. Mostly I'm in Hush Puppies and low-cut pants and short T-shirts. (continued on page 92)

Lopez, like Selena, appreciates a strong fashion sense. "It was easy playing Selena because she had a definite style that I could follow."



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**What's in your makeup bag?**

I have a Guerlain powder that's really cool. And I have Shu Uemura Foundation Fluid N in Beige 210. Then I have Clinique's Gloss-wear lip gloss in Air Kiss, OPI's Matterhorn Mauve nail polish, Bobbi Brown Essentials Bronzing Powder, Colourings Beech lip liner from the Body Shop, Intencils mascara by Lancôme and MAC Spice lip pencil.

**You have great eyebrows. How do you shape them?**

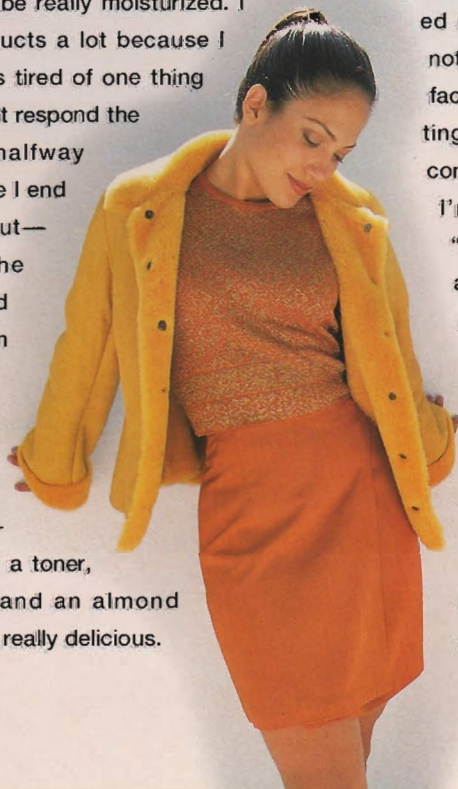
I get them waxed by Anastasia at Juan Juan salon in Beverly Hills. She is the eyebrow queen! Waxing is so much better than tweezing, and it lasts about a month.

**What do you do for evening makeup?**

Going-out-at-night makeup depends on what I'm wearing, or my mood, or how I've done my hair. I'll do all different kinds of things, different looks. I like getting into the Audrey Hepburn look, or whatever. And I'm pretty good at it. I'm lucky that way. Some people are not good at putting on makeup, but I'm good with my own. Maybe it's from watching people put it on me for so long.

**Do you go in for skin care in a big way?**

I like my skin to be really moisturized. I change my products a lot because I find my skin gets tired of one thing and it just doesn't respond the same way, so halfway through the bottle I end up throwing it out—the cleanser, the moisturizer and whatever else I'm using. Right now I have this great peppermint cleanser. So I use the peppermint cleanser, a toner, an eye cream, and an almond moisturizer that's really delicious.



**What about hair care?**

I've been having hair trauma lately. It's the same thing as with my skin—moisturizing and conditioning are really important to me. I'm very into moisturizers, conditioners, leave-in conditioners, stuff you put in afterward. I'm using Shampure and Cherry Almond Bark Conditioner from Aveda. But I'm also using Karite in a green bottle, from Rene Furterer, and it's a neat conditioner. You wash your hair, then put this stuff on, and you leave it in for 10 minutes, with a plastic bag over it, while it conditions.

**Do you style it?**

My hair is wavy, but it can be really curly if I dry it with a diffuser. For the last year I've been into a straight look. I'll blow it out at night, but during the day I'll slick it back in a ponytail or put it up in a weird bun.

**Do you work out?**

Yes. I worked out really hard getting ready for *Selena*, doing a lot of cardio with circuit training. Selena didn't look like she worked out a lot—I didn't do much work on my arms, for example—but she had a really small waist and her butt was like a 23-year-old butt, so, you know! We concentrated on getting into Selena shape, not, say, Angela Bassett shape. In fact, when I first went in for a fitting the director told me he was concerned, and I thought, Oh no. I'm too fat. Instead he said, "Selena didn't really have stomach muscles and you might be getting too buff."

**Do you have a signature fragrance?**

Instead of a perfume, it's an oil called China something, but I'm not going to give you the second name because it's my only scent right now. —Hillary Johnson