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Hate the healthy look? Of corpse!

Friday, July 23

Robert Smith's style tips

Q: In an attempt to be just like you, we purchased some of the MAC Ruby Woo lipstick that you love, and we're wondering . . . How the heck do you get it off your lips?

A: Actually, I heard that MAC is providing a new product, like a "Never Take Off" stick or something, because people feel that Ruby Woo comes off too easy. I find that it rubs off against the mike too easy, and by the end of the show, you've nothing left.



Q: The heat and humidity of a July day in South Florida is murder on the hairdo, particularly height-intensive ones like your own. Any advice for Palm Beachers wanting to approximate your dark, poufy brilliance?

A: For 20 years, I've had genetically modified spiders who've been weaving a web around my scalp. There are 100 small spider webs, woven by accurate Cure spiders. They're available on CureSpider.com. (Laughs) I shouldn't say that. People will go online looking for Cure spiders and I'll be sued. (Imitating disgruntled Cure fan), "*This doesn't work . . .*"

— *Leslie Gray Streeter*

Vampiric 'Vogue'? 'Harper's' Bizarre?

[Staci Sturrock](#)

Palm Beach Post Fashion Editor

I read roughly a dozen fashion mags a month. If you can call it "reading." After a few dozen pages of the same beautiful people posed in the same esoteric, astronomically expensive clothes, I can feel my brain going numb.

Maybe that's why *Gothic Beauty* feels like a double espresso. The quarterly magazine, published in Portland, Ore., is *Glamour* for boys and ghouls. It's *InStyle* by way of the Addams Family.

Consider this interior decorating tip from contributing writer Cat: "If your den contains a collection of iron crosses, bring this theme into the adjoining rooms by mimicking the cross shape or the iron look and feel."

The travel feature in the spring issue? A trip to Manresa Castle, a possibly haunted

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hotel outside Seattle, with a spiritualist.

And I loved an article on the resurgence of the parasol, hailed by goth girls for the way it can protect "a Victorian complexion."

A parasol? Not a pill or potion or surgical procedure? Call me old-fashioned, but I find that refreshing. *Gothic Beauty is sold at Hot Topic, Spencers, Barnes & Noble and Borders Books.*

Goth product reviews

What we tested:

- **Stila Pressed Powder** in Fair
- **MAC Retro Matte Lipstick** in Ruby Woo
- **Smashbox Eye Shadow** in Smashing Envy
- **Urban Decay Liquid Liner** in Soot
- **Hard Candy nail polish** in Sell Out

Christa Nieminen**Tried: MAC Retro Matte Lipstick, Ruby Woo**

Ick. It's matte, people, not permanent marker. Robert Smith, how do you wear this stuff? And, more importantly, how do you remove it? The shade is dramatic, a nice contrast to pale skin and heavy eyeliner. And a primary color, no less. But, the lipstick is so dry and left my lips feeling a serious hankering for ChapStick.



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Christa Nieminen

Leslie Streeter**Tried: Hard Candy nail polish in Sell Out**

Well, don't I look ready to go out and apply for a bank loan? I've gotta say that this Hard Candy nail polish has a nice glitter distribution, huh? Ditto the glitter eye shadow, which I'd actually buy if I were going for that "Petey from the Little Rascals" look. The liquid eyeliner is ultra-smudgy, which is bad for, say, job interviews, but good for your black-clad, leather-booted evenings. I'm not as fond of this Ruby Woo lipstick, which looks great smudged but gave me dried-out camel lips. But my only real complaint is that I don't look scarier! I was going for scary! I look more like somebody's 14-year-old baby-sitter who got drunk and raided Robert Smith's makeup kit. Rats.



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Leslie G. Streeter

Rachel Sauer**Tried: SmashBox eyeshadow in Envy**

I LOVED this eyeshadow, Dracula only knows

why. It's black and infused with multicolored sparkles, which is always a good thing, I believe. It didn't cake weirdly or get creasy after several hours' wear. Instead, it stayed put exactly as I applied it (e.g. sloppily), and made me look eeeeevil. Which, oddly, I enjoyed.

Tried: Stila pressed powder in Fair:

This is excellent powder. It's light and goes on smoothly, blending well so I didn't look too, um, powdery. Actually, color-wise I resembled Michael Jackson, or the lining of a suit. The next time I want to look consumptive (and maybe get out of work), I'll definitely wear this.



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Rachel Sauer

Ed, random Goth Guy

Tried: Urban Decay Liquid Liner, Soot

It's three days later, three days after taking this liquid ink off my face, and people still ask "Are you tired?" No I'm not tired, I just can't get the soot out of my eyes. OK, OK, it's good for the goth thing. It's heavy and it wears on you, and if that's what you're going for, then bravo, you win. But do you really win when you always look like you're down? The liner is a downer and it bunches up too quickly. Do not bring this corrosion to me.



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Ed Morales

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