

MOBILE PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDE

# Hair Salon

Shoot your own product photos  
with just a smartphone.

Tools, color, transformations — twenty product photos that sell appointments before the client even sees the price list.

## WHAT'S INSIDE

- **Phone photo basics for total beginners**  
Wipe, lock, light — the cheat sheet.
- **Free editing apps that pros actually use**  
Snapseed, Lightroom Mobile, VSCO. All free.
- **Cheap gear that triples your photo quality**  
Lights under \$40, lenses, props, backdrops.
- **20 scenarios × 3 angles each, drawn**  
Eye-level, top-down, low — copy them on set.

## PHONE PHOTO BASICS · READ THIS FIRST

# 10 things pros do that amateurs skip — for stills.

Photos are different from video: every frame counts. One sharp, well-lit still beats a hundred half-baked ones. These ten habits become muscle memory after a couple of shoots.

**01 Wipe the lens. Every. Single. Time.**

Phones live in pockets. Fingerprints look fine to your eye, terrible in the photo. Microfibre cloth in your apron.

**03 Use natural light, kill the ceiling lights.**

Window 90° from subject = magazine cover light. Yellow ceiling LEDs poison everything.

**05 Get close, but use the 2× lens for objects.**

Phone macro under 30 cm distorts. For tight product shots, switch to 2× and stand 50–80 cm back.

**07 Use the 2-second self-timer.**

Pressing the shutter shakes the phone. Timer + tripod = pin-sharp every time, even at low light.

**09 Fill the frame deliberately.**

Decide what's the hero. Then put it on a third — never dead-centre unless the composition is symmetrical on purpose.

**02 Shoot at the highest resolution.**

iPhone: Settings → Camera → Formats → Most Compatible (or Apple ProRAW).

Samsung: Camera → Pro → RAW. JPEG is fine for casual; RAW for product photos.

**04 Tap to focus. Tap-and-hold to lock.**

iPhone shows yellow box → "AE/AF Lock". Slide the sun icon to fine-tune brightness. Keep it locked between shots.

**06 Use a tripod (or stack of books).**

Sharpness drops the moment your hand shakes. Brace on a counter, or invest \$25 in a mini-tripod. Game over.

**08 Shoot at eye-level of the product.**

Hip-height phone snaps look amateur. Get the lens at the same height as the focal point of the subject.

**10 Shoot 5 takes minimum.**

Tiny shifts in angle change everything. First take is rehearsal, fourth is usually the keeper. Free to retake.

## CAMERA SETTINGS

# Best photo settings for your phone.

Set these once, forget about them. They turn a snapshot into a product shot — without you doing anything different on set.

## iPhone

- **Photo format: Most Compatible (JPEG).**  
Settings → Camera → Formats → Most Compatible. Easier to share. Use "High Efficiency" only if storage is tight.
- **Apple ProRAW (Pro models).**  
Settings → Camera → Formats → Apple ProRAW & Resolution → ON. Then tap RAW button in the Camera app. Edit-friendly, larger files.
- **Grid + Mirror Front Camera + Level: ON.**  
Settings → Camera → Composition → Grid + Mirror Front Camera + Level. Three free upgrades.
- **Live Photos: OFF for product work.**  
The yellow icon at the top — tap it OFF. Live photos burn battery and storage. Off for product, on for people.
- **HDR: AUTO.**  
Default. Phone decides. Works 95% of the time. Manually disable only when shooting backlit silhouettes.
- **Tap-and-hold to lock AE/AF.**  
Yellow box says "AE/AF Lock". Slide the sun icon to fine-tune brightness. Re-lock if you move the camera.

## Samsung Galaxy

- **Photo size: highest available (3:4).**  
Camera → Settings (gear) → Picture format → JPEG. Picture size: maximum. Use 3:4 for product (more frame to crop later).
- **RAW (Pro mode).**  
Camera → MORE → Pro → tap RAW icon. Saves a DNG + JPEG. Edit-friendly, bigger files.
- **Grid + Vertical/Horizontal Guides: ON.**  
Camera Settings → Grid lines → 3×3. Settings → Composition → Auto guide. Free upgrades.
- **Scene Optimizer: OFF for product.**  
Auto-modes oversaturate food and skin. Camera Settings → Scene Optimizer → OFF for shoots, ON for casual.
- **Pro mode for hard light.**  
Camera → MORE → Pro. Manual ISO (100 in daylight, 400 indoors), shutter, white balance. Beats auto when lighting is tricky.
- **Tap-and-hold to lock focus & exposure.**  
Yellow circle appears. Slide the sun icon to brighten/darken.

## LIGHTING

# The cheapest setup that still looks pro.

Lighting is 80% of why pro photos look pro. The good news: you can fake a \$1,000 setup with \$40 of gear and one window. Here's the fastest path.

## THE FREE SETUP — WINDOW + WHITE WALL

Place the subject 1 m from a window so the light hits at 90° from the side. Stand a sheet of white foam-core (or a folded white sheet) on the opposite side to bounce light back into the shadows. That's it — same setup magazines use for ten thousand-dollar product shoots, and it costs nothing.

## FOUR LIGHTS WORTH KNOWING

### LED panel

The product photographer's workhorse. Best for flat-lays, product, B-roll. \$30–60.

Tape parchment paper over the front for instant softbox effect.

### Softbox kit

Big, soft, magazine-look. Best for portraits, food, garments. \$40–80.

Get the biggest one you can afford. Bigger softbox = softer light.

### Ring light

Even, beauty-friendly. Best for face/portrait/closeup work. \$25–60.

Don't use for products — ring shape reflects in shiny surfaces.

### Clip-on phone light

Tiny LED that snaps onto your phone. Best for venues, markets, outdoor. \$15–30.

Use as fill, never as the main light. Cheap clip-ons make skin look plastic.

## WHAT TO BUY (AMAZON)

- **Neewer 660 LED Panel** · ~\$45  
Adjustable brightness + colour temperature. Bicolour. Search "Neewer 660 LED".
- **Ulanzi VL49 mini LED** · ~\$15  
Pocket light. Magnetic. Perfect for top-down product shots. Search "Ulanzi VL49".
- **Westcott Ice Light** · ~\$80 (alt)  
Tube light, soft & wraparound. Ideal for jewellery, glass, eyewear.
- **Foldable softbox 24" + LED** · ~\$60  
All-in-one starter kit. Search "24 inch softbox LED kit".
- **Free version: a north-facing window.**  
North windows are nature's softbox. No direct sun + soft, even light all day.

## MOBILE LENSES &amp; ACCESSORIES

# The cheap kit that turns a phone into a real camera.

Most of these clip onto your phone, cost less than a dinner, and will outlast three phone upgrades. Buy the right ones up front.

## CLIP-ON LENSES (ESSENTIAL)

- **Macro clip-on** · ~\$25  
10×–20× zoom. For jewellery, food close-ups, fabric texture, watches. Best one-purchase upgrade. Search "Apexel macro".
- **Wide-angle clip-on** · ~\$25  
0.45×–0.6× wide. For interiors, real estate, group shots. Eliminates 'cramped' look in small spaces.
- **Telephoto clip-on** · ~\$30  
2× zoom. For phones without a real telephoto. Skip if you have a Pro/Ultra phone.
- **Filter kit (CPL + ND)** · ~\$30  
CPL kills glass reflections (shop windows, screens). ND blocks light for outdoor portraits. Search "phone CPL ND filter".

## TRIPODS &amp; RIGS

- **Ulanzi MT-08 mini tripod** · ~\$25  
Extends to 90 cm. Best \$25 tripod on the market. Use as tabletop or floor stand.
- **Joby GorillaPod Mobile** · ~\$35  
Bendy legs wrap around chairs, railings, branches. Most versatile \$35 you'll spend.
- **Top-down tripod arm** · ~\$30  
Horizontal extension for flat-lay food and product shots. Search "overhead phone arm".
- **Phone clamp + cold shoe** · ~\$15  
Mounts your phone to any standard tripod. Sometimes the only thing missing.

## ALSO WORTH HAVING

- **Bluetooth shutter** · ~\$8  
Press a button instead of the screen. Eliminates shake. Single-best photography accessory under \$10.
- **Microfibre cloth × 5** · ~\$5  
One in your apron, one in your bag, one near the till.
- **Reflector (5-in-1)** · ~\$20  
Silver, gold, white, black, diffuser. Folds into a 30 cm disc. Search "5 in 1 reflector 32 inch".

## EDITING APPS

# Free apps that pros actually use.

Most professional Instagram photographers edit on their phone. The apps below are free or near-free — and they're the ones the pros use, not student-grade alternatives.

**FREE — START HERE**

- **Snapseed (Google)**  
Best free editor on any phone. Selective tool, brushes, healing, perspective. Used by pros for years.
- **Lightroom Mobile**  
Free tier covers 95% of needs. Apply presets, sync across devices, RAW editing. Free with an Adobe ID.
- **VSCO (free filters)**  
Iconic film-look presets. Free filters are some of the best out there. Skip the paid subscription.
- **Photoshop Express (free)**  
Quick fixes, blemish removal, cropping. Free version is plenty for product photos.

**WORTH PAYING FOR**

- **Lightroom Mobile Premium** · ~\$5/mo  
Unlocks all features, syncs presets, auto-cloud backup. Best \$5 in mobile photography.
- **Tezza** · ~\$3/mo  
Trendy filters + collage maker. Big with fashion and lifestyle creators.
- **Afterlight** · ~\$3/mo  
Beautiful film looks + dust/light leaks. For brands going for a vintage feel.
- **Picsart Pro** · ~\$5/mo  
AI background remover, sky replacement, magic effects. Use when you need to fake stock-photo backgrounds.

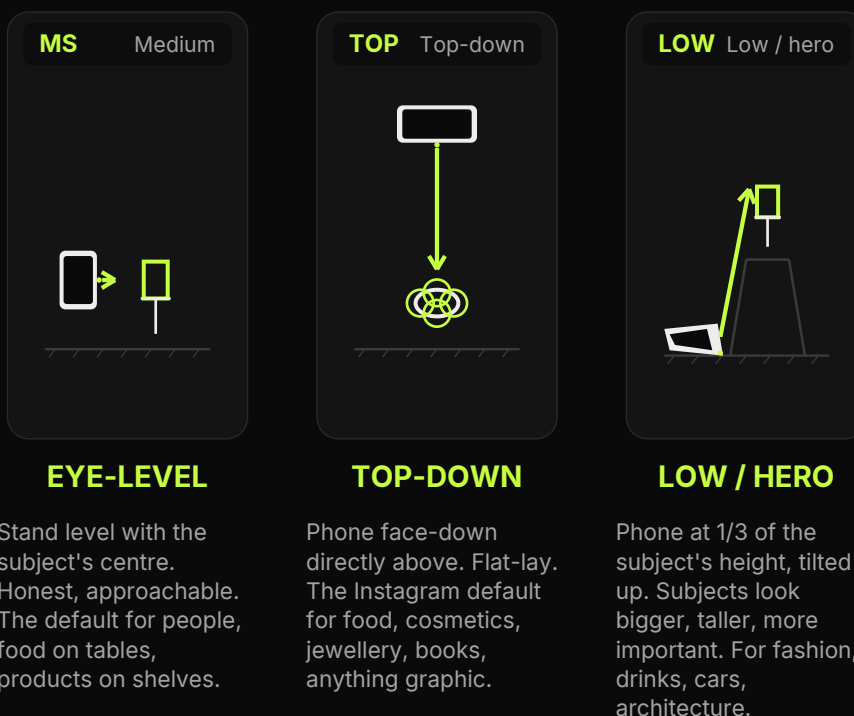
**THE 60-SECOND EDIT (SNAPSEED OR LIGHTROOM)**

- **01 · Crop & straighten.**  
Rule of thirds. Horizon level. Trim distracting edges.
- **02 · Exposure +0.3 to +0.7.**  
Lift the whole image one notch. Phones underexpose product shots by default.
- **03 · Shadows up, highlights down.**  
Recover detail in dark and bright areas. Photo looks instantly professional.
- **04 · Whites up, blacks down.**  
Increases contrast where it matters. Less murky.
- **05 · Vibrance, not saturation.**  
Vibrance boosts dull colours. Saturation neon-fries faces.
- **06 · Sharpen +20.**  
Adds bite. Phones soften by default. Don't go higher than 30.

## COMPOSITION &amp; ANGLES

# The three angles that work for almost any product.

Every scenario in this guide uses these three. Memorise them once and you can shoot anything — coffee, jewellery, dogs, furniture. The same three angles. Always.



## FIVE COMPOSITION RULES

- **Rule of thirds.**  
Put the main subject on a third-line, not in the centre. Phone Camera grid helps you see the lines.
- **Negative space sells.**  
Empty space around a product reads as 'expensive'. Crowded frames feel like clutter, not style.
- **Leading lines.**  
Counters, shelves, tile edges, road lines — let them point at your subject. Lines lead the eye like an arrow.
- **Frame within a frame.**  
Door frames, windows, arches around the subject. Adds depth, focus, and a 'documentary' feel.
- **Odd numbers feel right.**  
Three plates, five candles. Three. Always three. Even-number compositions feel symmetrical and boring.

## PROPS &amp; BACKDROPS

# The styling kit you can buy at the dollar store.

Background and styling decide whether your photo looks 'made for Instagram' or 'taken on the kitchen table'. Most of these cost less than a coffee.

**BACKDROPS — WHAT TO BUY**

- **Roll of white seamless paper** · ~\$15  
53" wide, no-seam, infinite background. Tape to wall, drape over a table. The pro-photo backdrop.
- **Linen tablecloths × 3** · ~\$10 each  
White, beige, charcoal. Wrinkle-friendly textures. Drape over anything; instant warm flat-lay surface.
- **PVC tile boards** · ~\$15 each  
Marble, oak, slate-print boards. Two boards = floor + wall corner. Cheaper than the real thing.
- **Black foam-core × 3** · ~\$5 each  
Black backdrop, light absorber, light blocker. Most-used cheap photo tool.
- **Free version: a clean white wall.**  
If your shop has one, you have a backdrop. Photograph against it. Done.

**PROPS — DOLLAR-STORE STYLING KIT**

- **Linen napkins, kraft paper, twine.**  
For food, packaging, gift shots. Natural textures photograph better than glossy plastic.
- **Small dried bouquets / eucalyptus.**  
\$5 at any florist. Adds life to flat-lays. Doesn't wilt under hot lights.
- **Wooden trays, marble cheese boards.**  
Elevates plate flat-lays. Hides ugly tables. Buy two sizes.
- **Glass jars, ceramic bowls (matte, not glossy).**  
Glossy reflects ceiling lights. Matte absorbs them. Always buy matte for photo props.
- **Two acrylic ice cubes.**  
\$3 on Amazon. Drinks photograph 10× better. Real ice melts; acrylic doesn't.
- **Black velvet cloth (1 m).**  
Background for jewellery and dark products. \$5 at a fabric store. Eats reflections.

## PRO TRICKS

# The things pros do that you won't read on YouTube.

These are real production secrets — most cost nothing. Use one and you'll see the difference; use all of them and your photos will look like a magazine shot them.

- 01 Wipe the lens before every shot.**  
Phones gather oil. Two-second wipe with a cloth between shots is the difference between haze and bite.
- 02 Lock exposure on the brightest important thing.**  
Tap-and-hold on the lit subject — not the dark background. Phones try to balance everything; you have to overrule it.
- 03 Use the 2× telephoto for product close-ups.**  
Stand 50–80 cm back. The 1× lens distorts close-up; 2× flattens it like a portrait lens.
- 04 Shoot 5+ angles. Pick later.**  
Same scene, eye-level, top-down, 45°, low, macro detail. You'll know which is the keeper only when editing.
- 05 Wipe the product, too.**  
Lint, fingerprints, flour smudges all photograph 10× more visibly than they look. Wipe the product. Then wipe again.
- 06 Light from 45°, never head-on.**  
Side-light reveals texture. Head-on light flattens everything. Move the subject 90° to the window.
- 07 Bounce, don't add lights.**  
More light isn't the answer. Bounce existing light into shadows with white card. Cheaper, faster, looks pro.
- 08 Shoot through something.**  
A pane of glass, a leafy branch, a stack of books in soft focus in the foreground. Adds depth instantly.
- 09 Shoot one stop underexposed for moody.**  
Slide the sun icon down by half a stop. Slightly darker = more cinematic = better Instagram.
- 10 Dirty plates beat clean ones.**  
Crumbs, drips, fingerprints in food photos read as 'real'. Spotless = ad. Lived-in = wanted.
- 11 Symmetry only on purpose.**  
If a photo isn't deliberately symmetrical, push the subject off-centre. Boring rules: centred subjects feel amateur.
- 12 Steam, mist, droplets.**  
Boil a kettle next to a hot drink. Spray a vegetable with water. Visible texture = 10× more clicks.
- 13 White-balance manually for warm scenes.**  
Auto white-balance kills the warm light of cafes/bakeries. In Pro mode, set WB to 4500–5500 K to keep the glow.
- 14 Shoot vertical 4:5 — not square.**  
Instagram crops 1:1 from feed but shows full 4:5 in posts. 4:5 takes more screen, more attention.
- 15 Crop in post, not on the phone.**  
Phone digital zoom = quality loss. Always shoot wider; crop tight in Snapseed/Lightroom later.

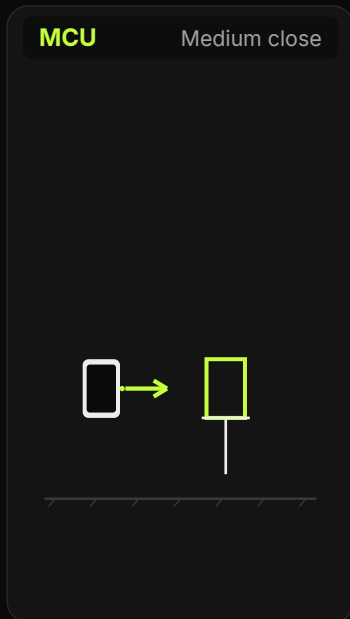
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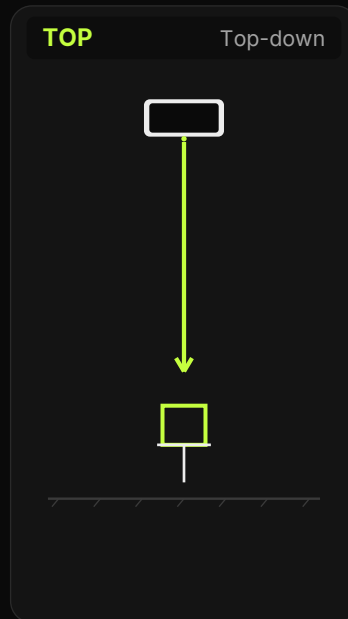
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# Color tubes lined up

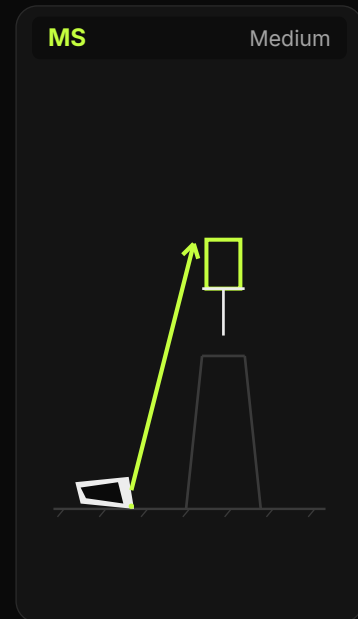
A row of professional hair-color tubes — your palette.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with tubes. Lined up on a marble counter.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Tubes parallel, slight diagonal placement.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at counter edge. Tubes tower like a small skyline.

**STYLING TIP**

Use 5 or 7 tubes, never 6. Odd numbers create rhythm.

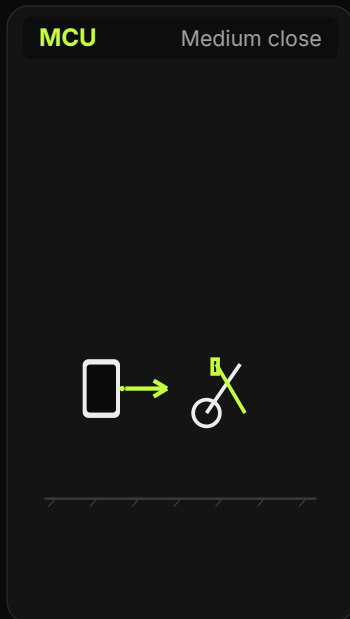
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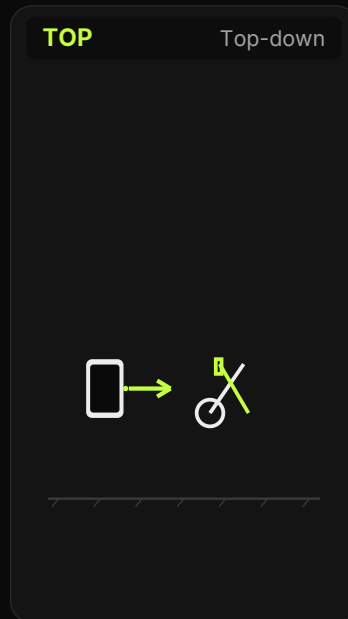
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# Scissors and combs

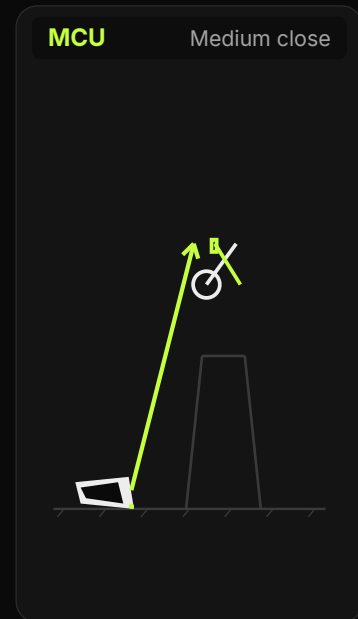
The signature tools laid out clean.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with tools on a flat tray.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Tools fan out in a deliberate spread.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at tray edge. Tools rise like blades in foreground.

**STYLING TIP**

Polish chrome before shooting. Smudges on stainless photograph 5× more visibly.

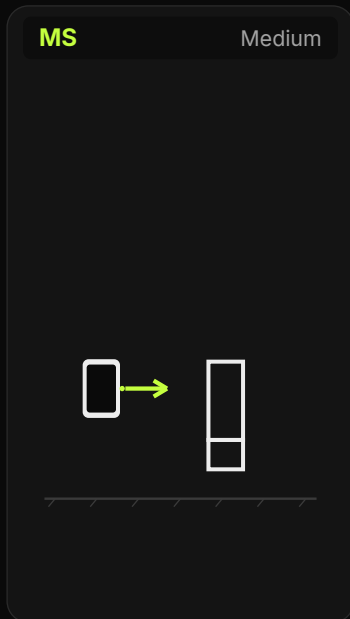
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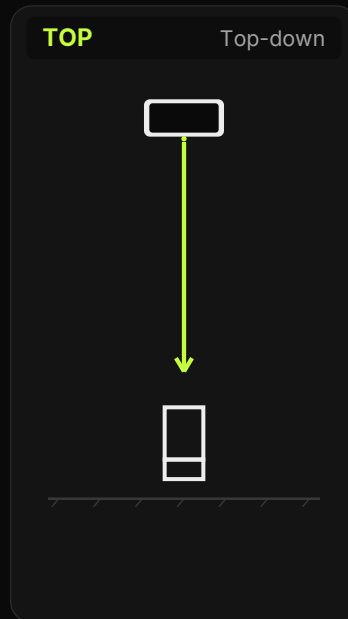
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# Salon chair empty

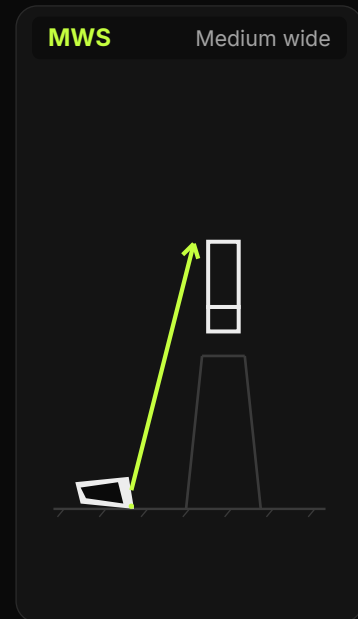
The styling chair, mirror behind, lit and ready.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with chair seat.  
Mirror behind in frame.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above the chair. Cape draped, tools in tray.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at floor. Chair looms;  
ceiling lights soft above.

**STYLING TIP**

Wipe the mirror before shooting. Reflections show every fingerprint.

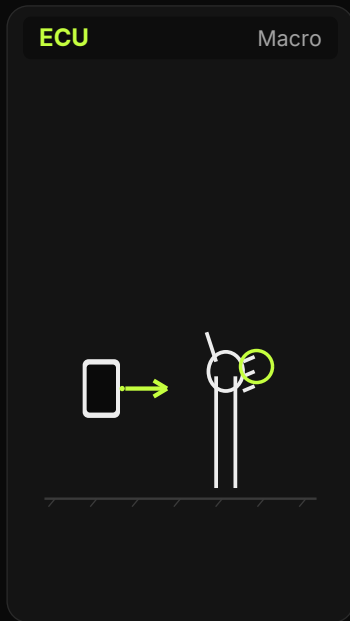
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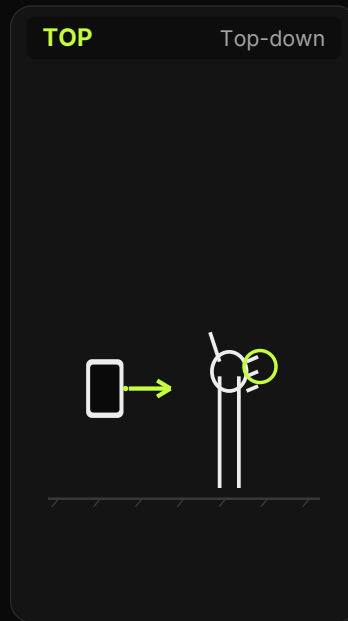
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## Color application

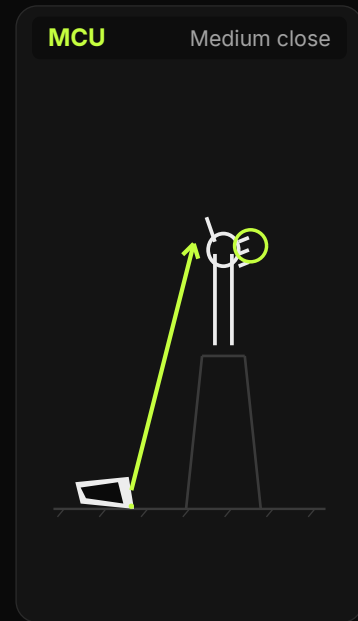
A brush spreading color through a strand of hair.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone at hair level. Brush mid-stroke.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Sectioned hair + brush + bowl.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at chair edge. Stylist's hands and hair in frame.

**STYLING TIP**

Fresh-mixed color photographs richer than 10-minute-old. Mix and shoot.

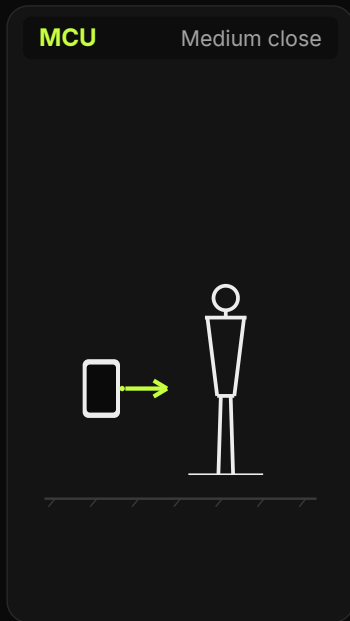
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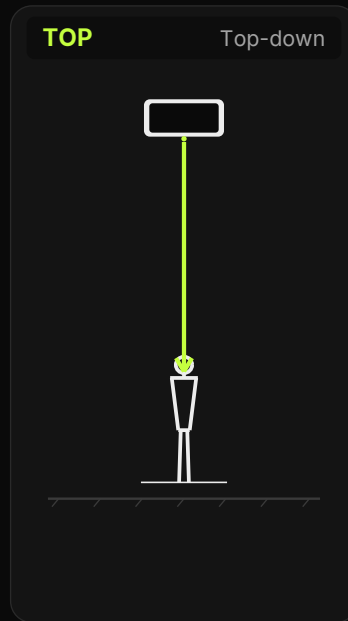
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## Foins on hair

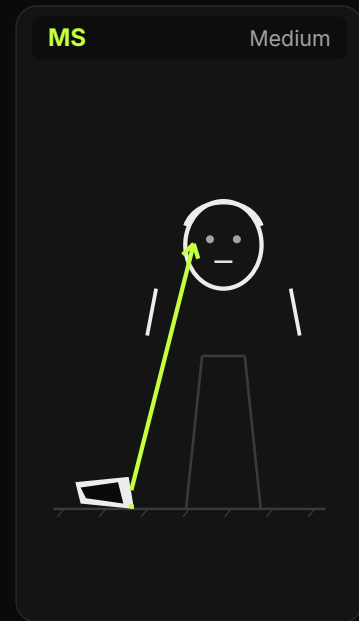
The classic balayage / highlights look — geometric foil pattern.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with hair.  
Side-profile of head.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Pattern of foils  
visible from above.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at chair edge. Foils glint;  
client's silhouette behind.

**STYLING TIP**

Photograph mid-application, not when finished. The pattern itself is the visual.

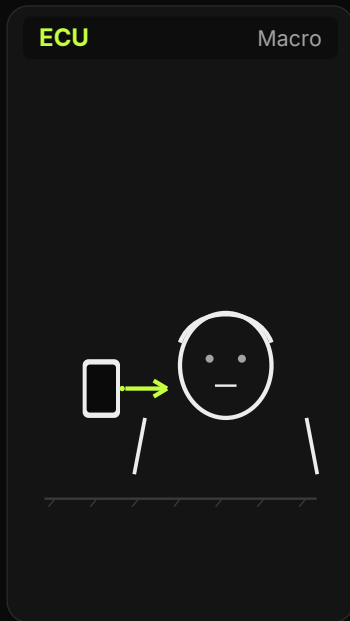
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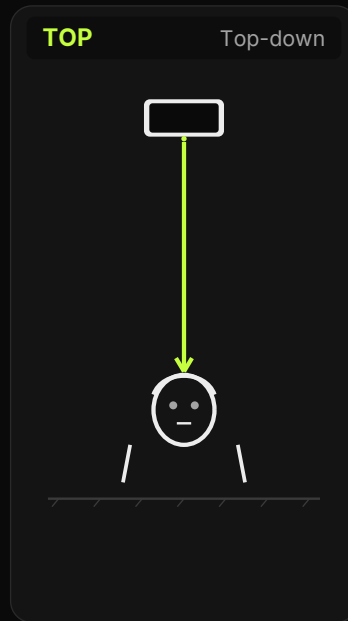
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# Wet hair after wash

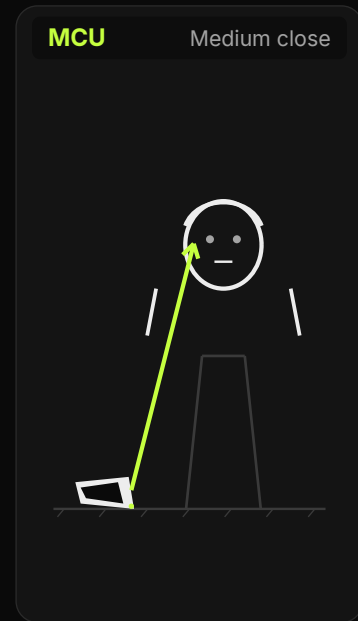
Freshly washed hair, water beads visible.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with hair. 2× zoom for detail.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Hair fanned across a towel.

**LOW HERO**

Phone below sink. Wet hair drapes; light glints.

**STYLING TIP**

Mist with water just before shooting. Real wet hair photographs softer than dry-styled-wet.

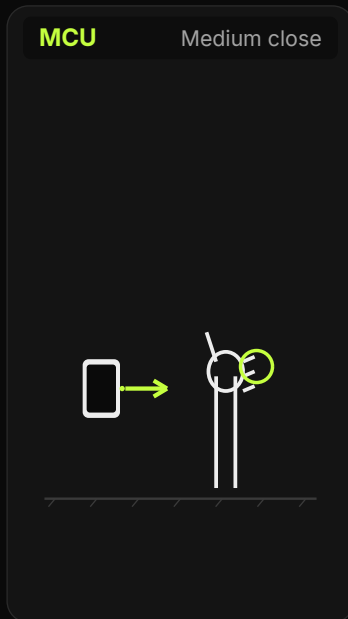
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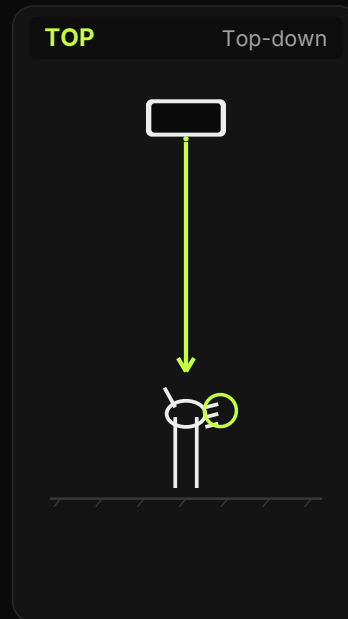
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**Blow-dry in motion**

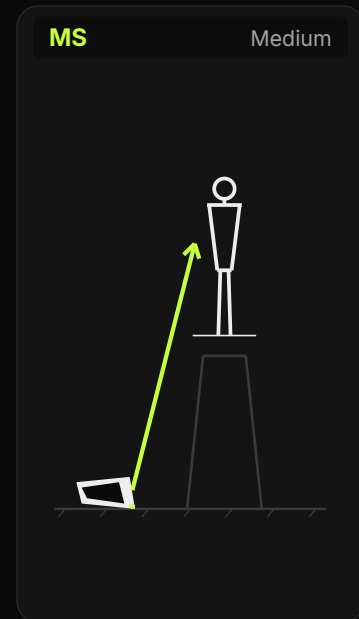
Round brush + dryer pulling hair smooth. The 'we make it look easy' shot.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with hair tip. Brush mid-stroke.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Hair fanning out under brush.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at chair edge. Stylist's arms loom; hair flying.

**STYLING TIP**

Use a black backdrop. Flying hair invisible against light walls.

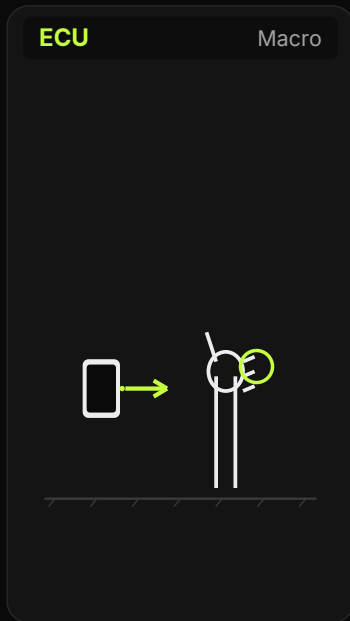
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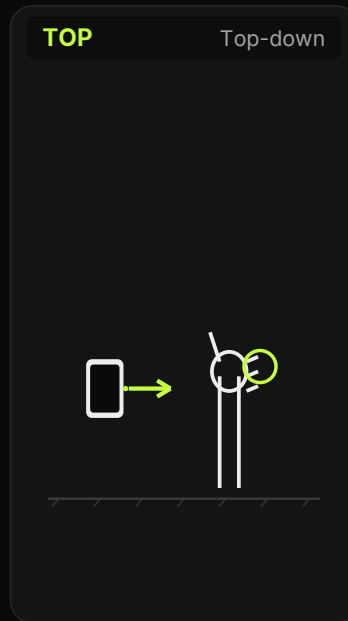
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# Curl wand reveal

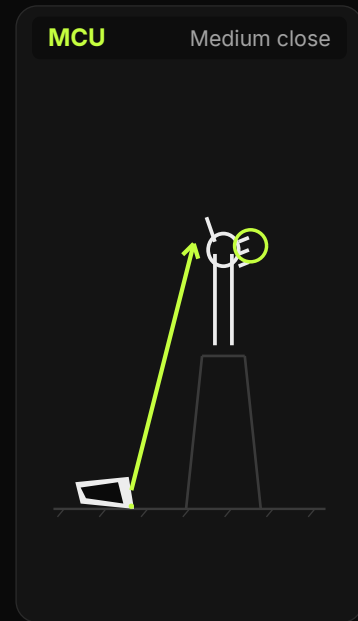
A curl falling out of the wand — pure transformation in one frame.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone at curl level. 2x zoom.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Curl + wand visible.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at chair edge. Wand and curl tower.

**STYLING TIP**

Photograph just as the wand opens. Curls fully formed but not yet touched.

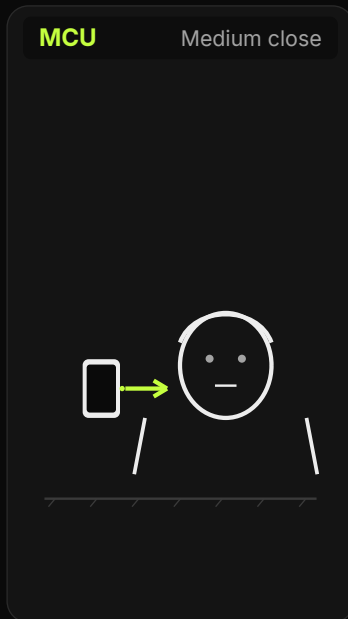
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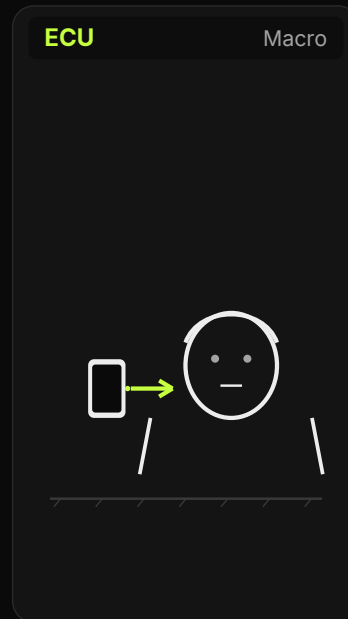
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# Mirror reveal

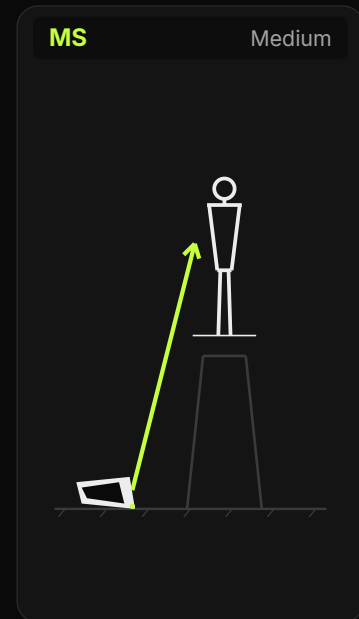
The client's first look at themselves after the cut. The transformation moment.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone next to mirror. Capture client's reflected face.

**TOP-DOWN**

Skip — use a detail shot of the smile/eye crinkle.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at floor by client's chair. Mirror reflects client tall.

**STYLING TIP**

Photograph the reflection, not the client. The reflection shows hair plus reaction simultaneously.

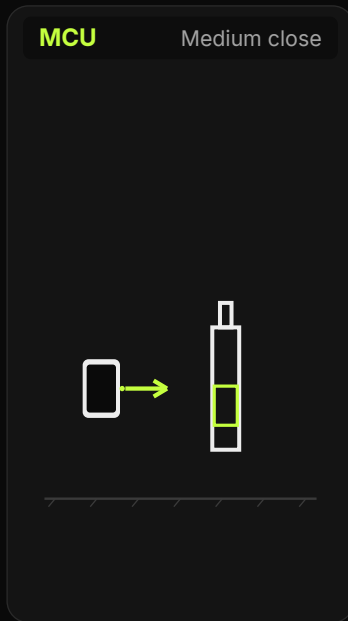
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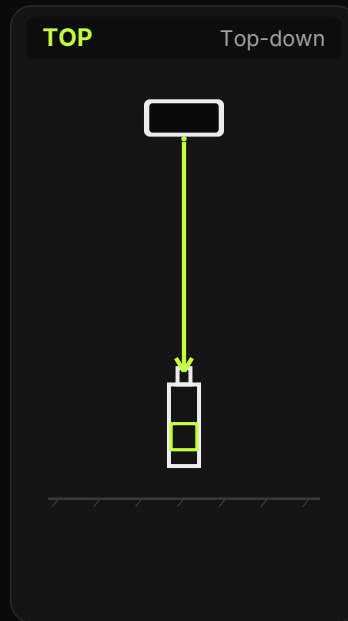
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## Product line on shelf

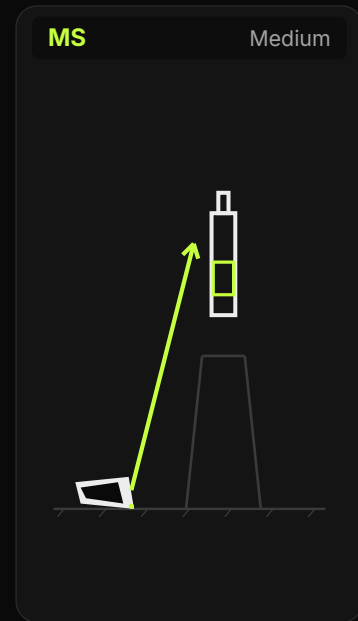
Shampoo, conditioner, styling products — the retail shot.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with products. 2× zoom.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Products laid out on a marble board.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at shelf edge. Bottles tower like skyline.

**STYLING TIP**

Three or five products, never four. Three reads designed; four reads accidental.

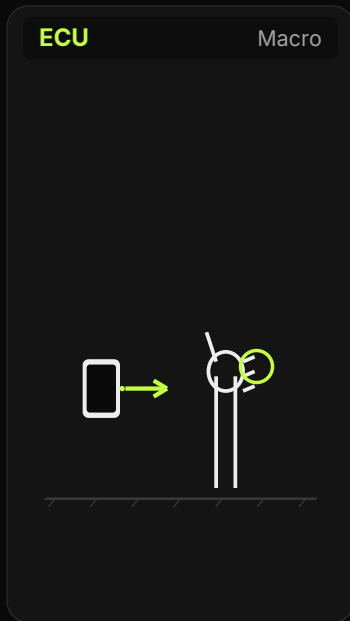
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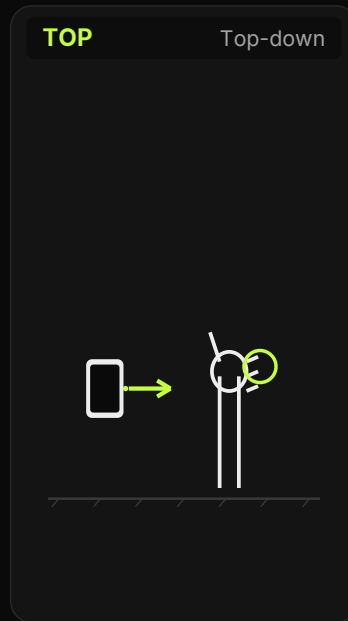
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# Hand brushing through hair

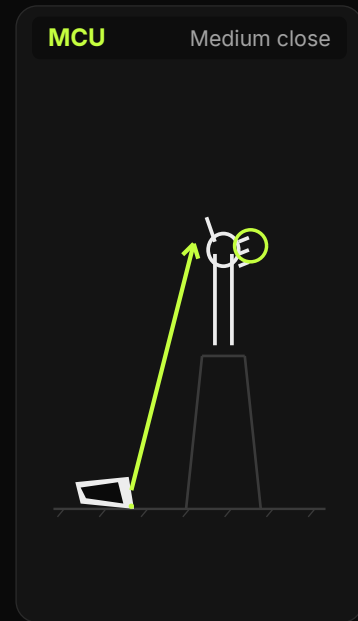
Stylist's hand running through finished hair — the satisfaction shot.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone at hair level. 2× zoom on the hand.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Hand fanning hair on towel.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at chair edge. Hand and hair float in foreground.

**STYLING TIP**

Use a soft hand, not a styling-tool grip. Tells 'natural' rather than 'salon'.

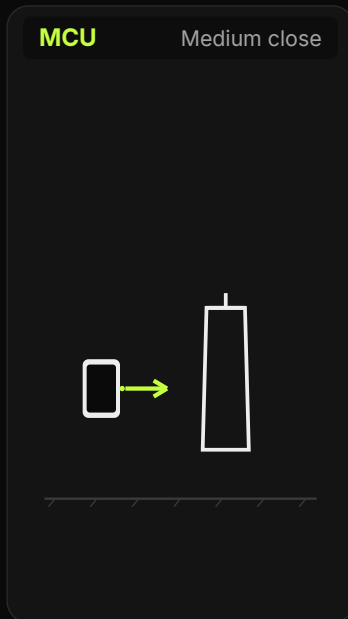
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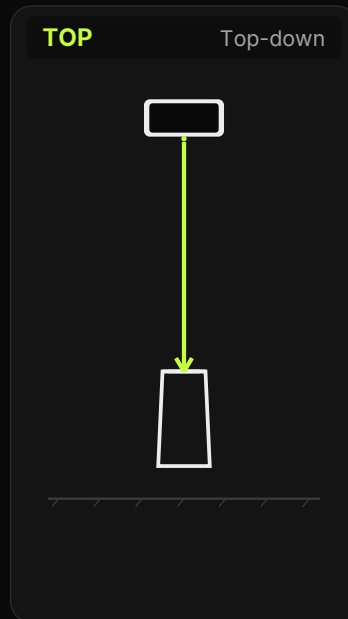
## SCENARIO 12

## Cape and apron

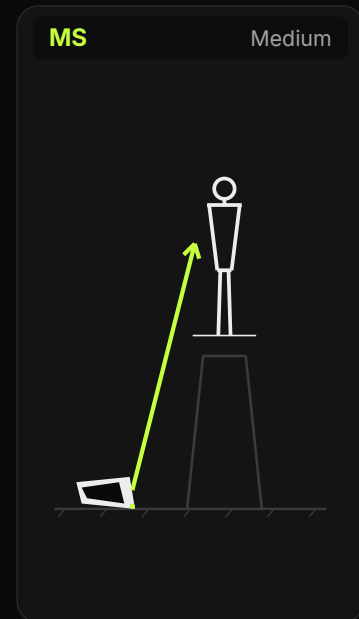
The salon's branded cape on the client, apron-strings tied.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with shoulder. Bow knot front-and-centre.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above the shoulder. Cape spread.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at chair edge. Cape drapes; client tall.

**STYLING TIP**

Tie a fresh, crisp bow. Untied capes photograph as 'mid-process'; tied as 'pro'.

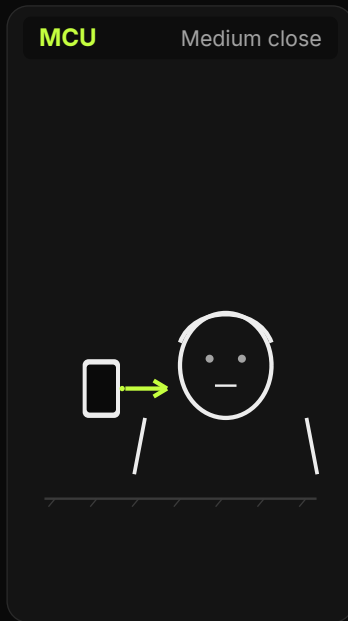
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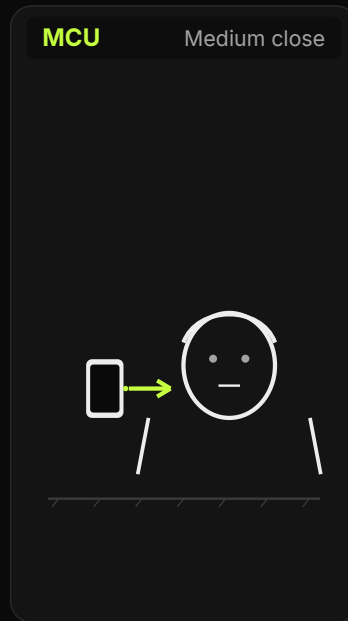
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**Before / after split frame**

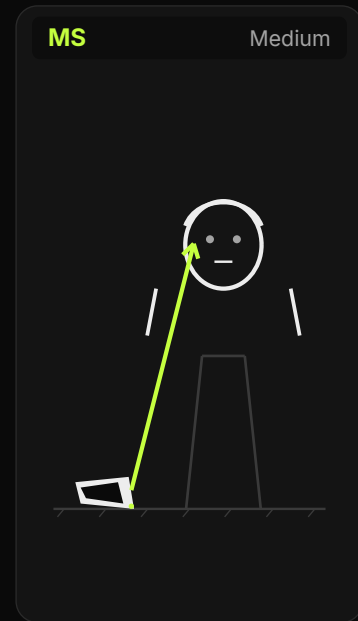
Two photos side by side — same client, before and after.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone at face level. Identical framing on both shots.

**TOP-DOWN**

Skip — top-down doesn't apply to faces.

**LOW HERO**

Same as eye-level but tilted up slightly. Drama in both.

**STYLING TIP**

Same lighting, same angle for both. The transformation reads only when conditions match.

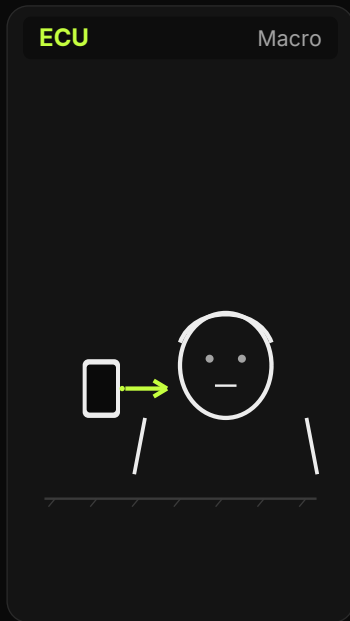
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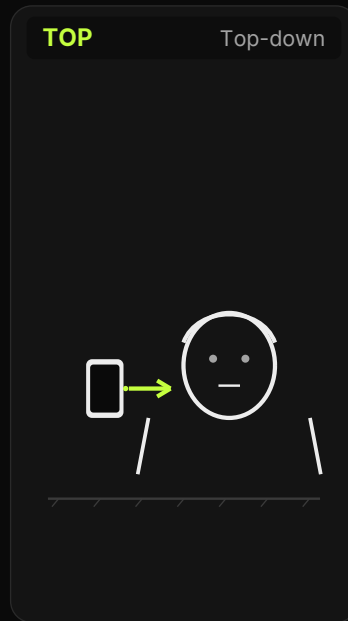
## SCENARIO 14

# Hair texture macro

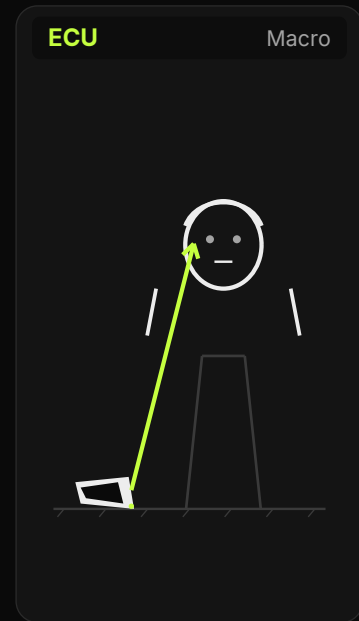
Extreme close-up of finished hair — strands, shine, texture.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with hair. 2× zoom + macro lens if available.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Hair fanned on dark cloth.

**LOW HERO**

Phone close beside head. Hair drapes through frame.

**STYLING TIP**

Mist with water 30 seconds before shooting. Reveals shine without glare.

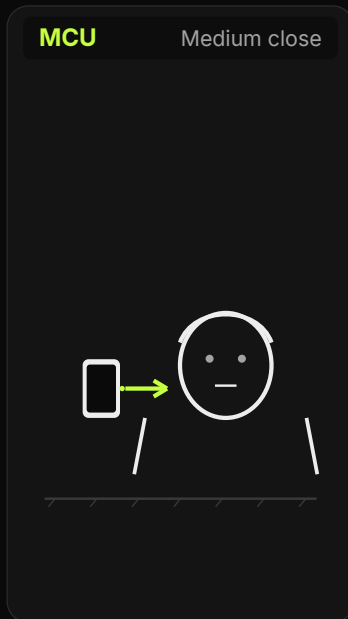
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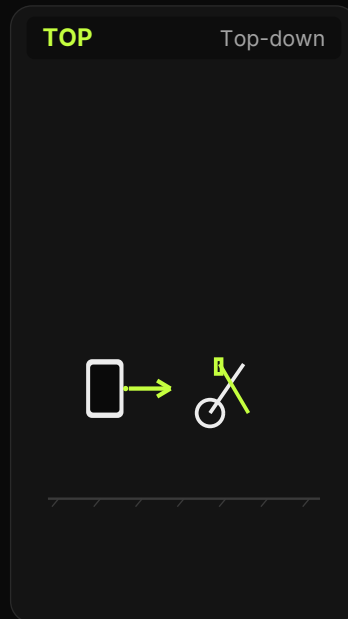
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## Stylist portrait

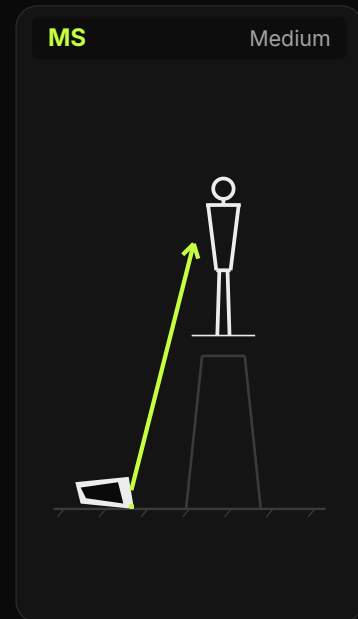
The stylist with their tools — character shot.

**EYE-LEVEL**

2× zoom, 1.5 m back. Frame chest-up.

**TOP-DOWN**

Skip — use detail of hands holding scissors.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at chair edge. Stylist towers; salon glow behind.

**STYLING TIP**

Stylist in their actual work clothes, not posed. Authentic > polished.

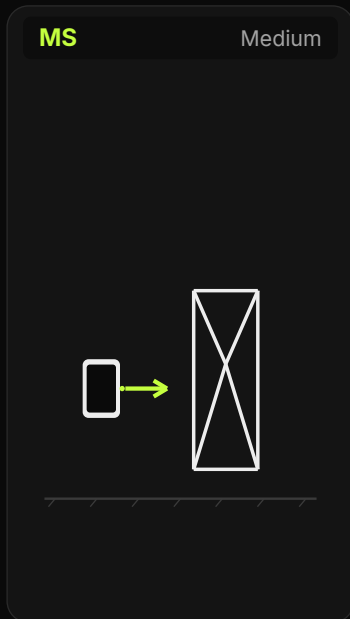
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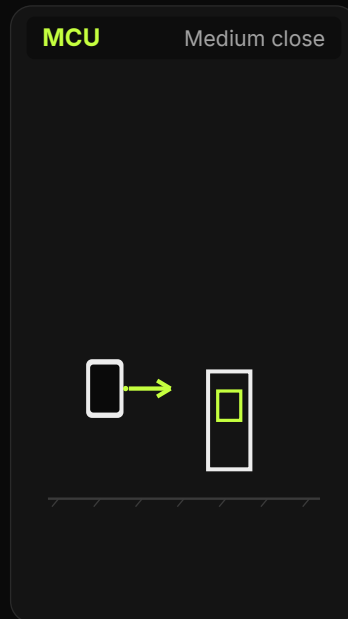
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## Hair drying station

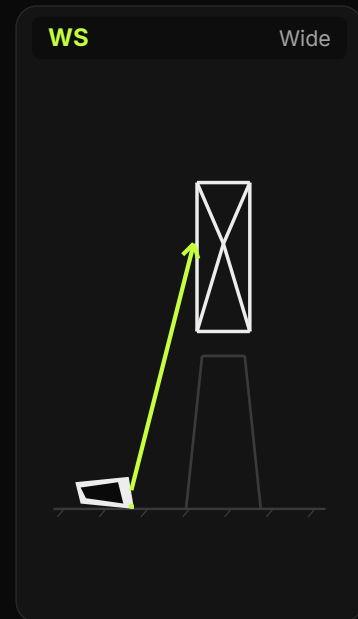
Multiple chairs with hood-dryers. The infrastructure shot.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone vertical. Stand at end of row.

**TOP-DOWN**

Skip — use detail of one hood instead.

**LOW HERO**

Crouch. Hoods loom over chairs.

**STYLING TIP**

Photograph empty. Crowded stations look chaotic; clean stations sell professionalism.

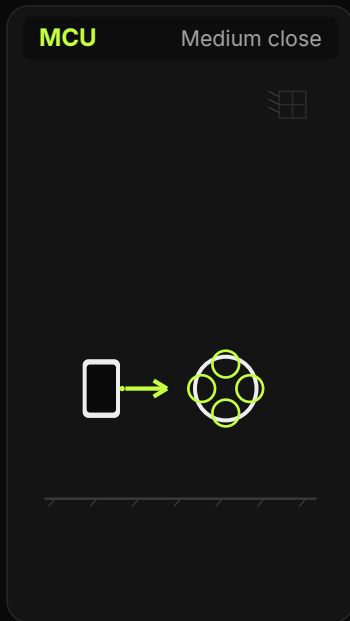
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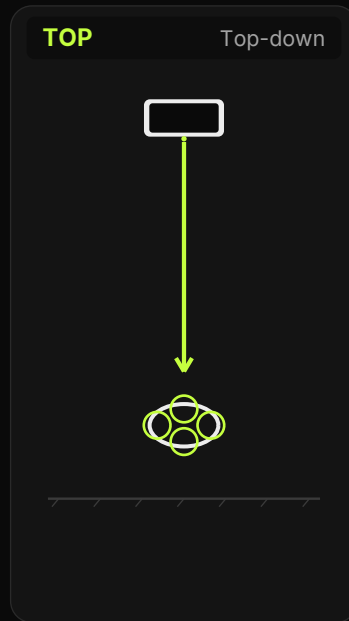
# Reception desk

The check-in counter with logo, branded products, business cards.



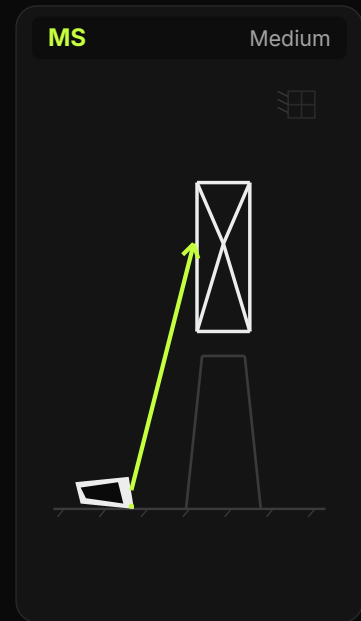
**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with desk top. Branded items prominent.



**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Logo card centre, products to the sides.



**LOW HERO**

Phone at desk edge. Logo + product loom; client area soft.

**STYLING TIP**

Tidy and clear. One business card stack, one product, one plant. Three things, no more.

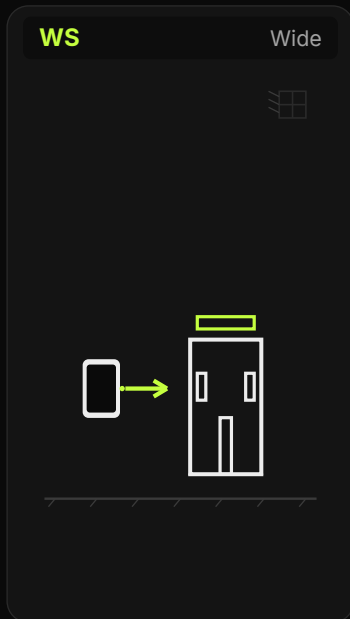
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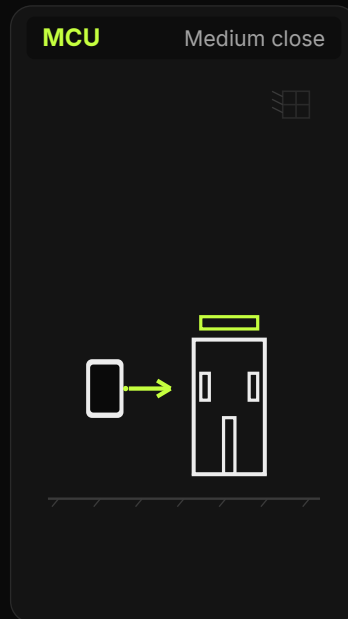
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# Salon facade

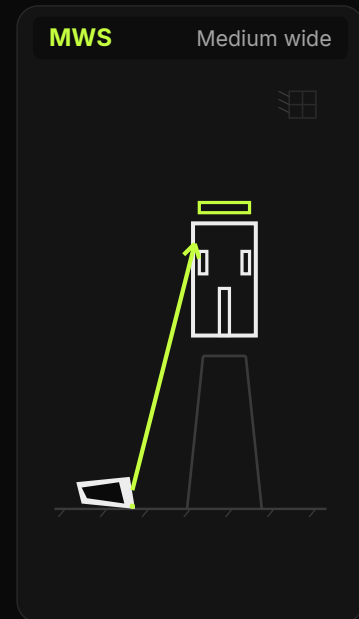
The exterior with name, sign visible.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Stand 4 m back. Phone vertical.

**TOP-DOWN**

Skip — use detail of door handle or sign close-up.

**LOW HERO**

Crouch by entry. Building looms.

**STYLING TIP**

Shoot when sign is lit. 30 minutes after sunset is the magic window.

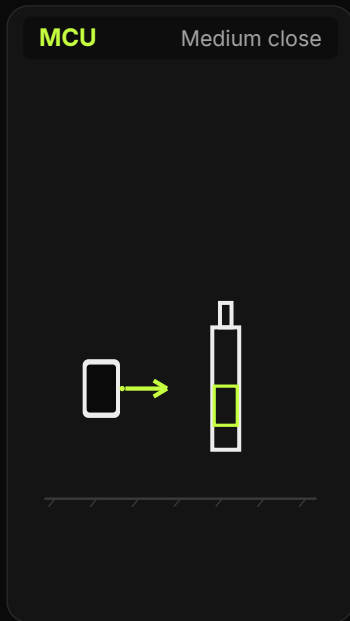
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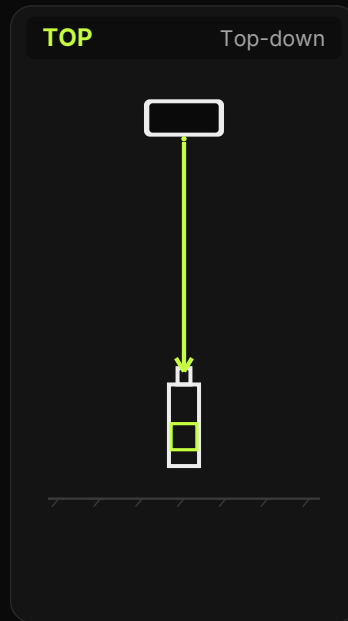
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## Product flat-lay with color

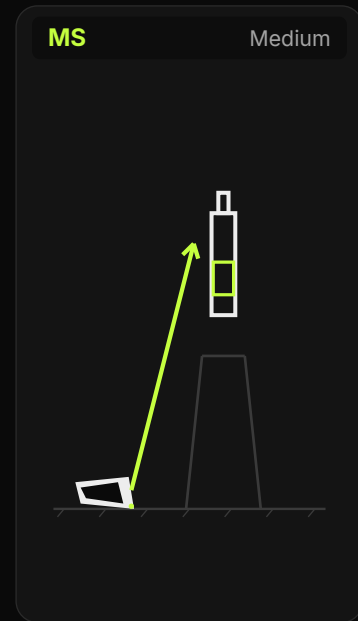
Shampoo + brush + ribbon + dried flower — branded styling shot.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Phone level with products. Slight side angle.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above. Composition on marble or linen backdrop.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at counter edge. Bottle towers.

**STYLING TIP**

Add one organic prop (dried flower, eucalyptus). Pure-product shots feel like ads; one organic touch reads as styled.

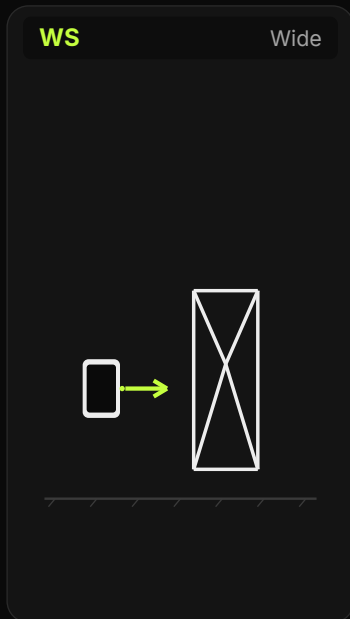
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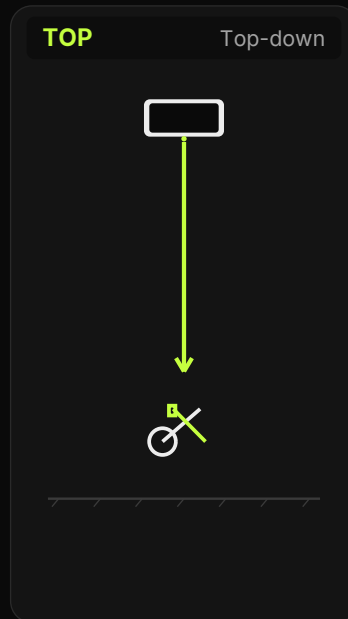
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## Closing — quiet salon

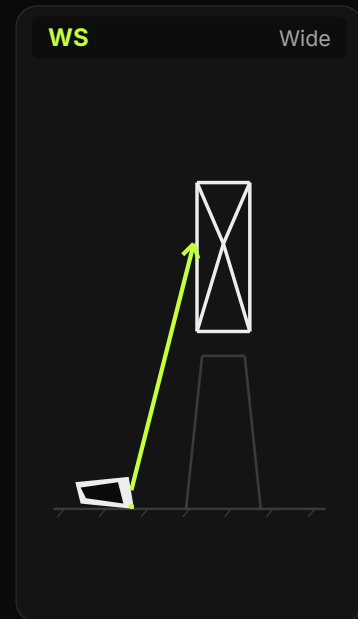
Empty chairs, lights low, day's work done.

**EYE-LEVEL**

Stand at far end. Phone vertical.  
Long perspective.

**TOP-DOWN**

Phone above one tool tray.  
Symmetric layout.

**LOW HERO**

Phone at floor. Chairs arch over  
frame.

**STYLING TIP**

Cleaning visible. A neat, just-mopped floor sells 'we care' without any words.

YOU'VE GOT THE PLAYBOOK.

# Now go shoot.

This guide was built specifically for hair salons. Every scenario in it works on a phone you already own. The only missing ingredient is press-the-button, ten times in a row, until one of them is the keeper.

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