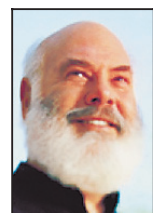


BEAUTY PRODUCTS

## Weil teams up with Origins

With his message of integrating Western and Eastern methods for optimum health, doctor and botanist Andrew Weil isn't your typical poster guy for a beauty collection.



Weil

Then again, Origins isn't your typical beauty company.

With an emphasis on "nature-based wellness," the Estée Lauder-owned brand has joined forces with Weil.

Dr. Andrew Weil for Origins debuted this fall with three products in both topical and ingestible form: Plantidote Mega-Mushroom Face Serum, Plantidote Mega-Mushroom Supplement and Nite-trition Restful Sleep Supplement. \$35 to \$65; www.origins.com. — DALLAS MORNING NEWS

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# Free to be Bree

**ON MAKING THE LEAP TO THE FASHION WORLD:** "I ended up just coming full circle. After I retired for a whole four months, I honestly had more time to think about (fashion) and sketch. A lot of people talk about the things they would like to have done and 'Gee, I've always been interested in this area,' but I didn't want to be one of those people. I'm very confident and I have a very high risk threshold."

**WHY THE NAME OF THE LINE IS "MULTI BY BREE":** Harris' years of corporate travel taught her the value of a four-piece suit in an all-weather wool and how to pack (she can go anywhere with one carry-on). "How do you put together outfits that are going to travel from Singapore to Brussels? You've got to be worried about the weight of the fabric and the versatility of the pieces. I carried that process into the company. I really make sure, because it's the way that I dress."

Three to four basic pieces in an all-weather wool – say, two jackets, pants or skirt – can multi-task, "and you're good for a week or two," she says. And "Bree" is her childhood nickname.

**AND FOR THOSE DINERS WITH CLIENTS OR OTHER EXECs:** "It was very important to me to be able to make that transition very quickly – because you don't have time to go back to the room, shower and change – and fit into that dinner environment with those executives' wives who have obviously had the day to look very wonderful."

Harris' solutions from the line include a little black dress that's corporate-appropriate with a jacket. Another option could be a blouse with an asymmetrical hem under the business suit.

**HARRIS' MUSES FOR HER SPRING COLLECTION:** "Greta Garbo, Jackie O and Oprah Winfrey." The trio gives you a real sense of Harris' vision and influences: old Hollywood glamour, classic styles and one of the most powerful women in the world. ("Oprah can wear something that's a little bit edgy to something

completely formal and not end up on the worst-dressed list.")

**MAINTAINING FEMININITY IN A MASCULINE WORLD:** Harris says the line challenges the notion that women must dress like men or adopt a uniform. "We try to bridge the gap between being conservative and bringing in a little touch of who you are. You should be able to express yourself and not go totally into uniform attire. But you've got to be respectful of the environment that you're in – otherwise you're not taken seriously."

Multi by Bree suit pieces are often 150- to 180-thread count wools (good for Brussels and Singapore). A beautiful black pinstripe jacket features lace trim on a pocket. A tweed jacket has a detachable fur collar. Another traditional pinstripe is lined in a brilliant red. "We do crazy linings," Harris says.

**AND THOSE GLAMOUROUS GOWNS...:** Multi by Bree also is becoming known for its beautiful eveningwear. The vibe again is classic Hollywood idol meets contemporary chic. "When I look at the fabric, I can see the dress," says Harris. "And it works in reverse, too." There are flowing silk glamazon gowns in rich hues (red, yellow, copper) and sexy ones in a delicate French lace with ribbon stripes and finished buttons up the back. Or a not-so-delicate-sounding frock in a metallic tulle trimmed with small polished pebbles.

**LEGENDARY WEEKEND:** Harris doesn't usually name-drop her celebrity clients, but one she will talk about is former model Naomi Sims. When Sims was invited to Oprah Winfrey's "Legends" weekend last summer, Harris provided her wardrobe. Sims was among the women that Winfrey credits with being influential in her life. In the group photo taken at the luncheon, Sims is standing behind Winfrey in a black pinstripe suit with a char-treuse blouse. Later, for the formal dinner, Sims wore a black tuxedo by Harris.

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◀ On Feb. 11, the New York Post featured this Multi by Bree gown on Page 3 as part of its Fashion Week coverage.



MULTI BY BREE PHOTOS

In her fall collection, designer Barbara Harris included this taffeta cocktail dress with a pleating detail.



A charcoal gray wool suit features a red and blue broken pinstripe with red leather trim.

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## An expert shares her tips on makeup

**Bolozky** from 1E

**Q. What is the current must-have beauty product?**

"A shimmering eye high-

lighter. There's a very prominent trend right now that's moving toward that Czarina, Russian, gypsy-inspired look. Those looks are done building a smoky eye using a lot of color. A lot of cosmetic lines are moving from

completely matte and darker shadows to building color and then adding a shimmer on top of the shadow to highlight and brighten."

**Q. You work for Australian-**

**based Becca Cosmetics, but do you dabble in other brands?**

"Any good artist worth their salt is experimental and creative and wants to learn and adapt and see as many lines as possible. I've also been a make-up artist longer than Becca has been in business. So, of course, I have my favorites that I've used since I was a teenager. For the most part, while I do use primarily Becca products in my kit, I do have my favorites that are difficult to put down."

**Q. Such as?**

"L'Oreal waterproof Voluminous mascara is my absolute favorite. It's intensely black and stays on a through a thunderstorm."

**Q. Are there any beauty trends you hope never make a comeback?**

"I really hated that '80s contour streak people did with a very tight dark powder blush. You really want to apply blush only to the apples of your cheeks, to the roundest part, because essentially that's where the sun would hit you naturally if you got a tan or burn."

Coming next Friday in Product Perfect, get the scoop on keeping hair healthy through the winter. Have beauty questions or concerns? E-mail [style@charlotteobserver.com](mailto:style@charlotteobserver.com).

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