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## Challenge

### CHOP OFF YOUR HAIR

Every woman daydreams about going super short. But the reality is that once your hair is cut, no amount of wishing (or crying) will get your precious locks back. So when **MICAH YANCEY RUST**, the creative force behind BonBon jewelry, decided to have her shoulder-length locks chopped into a pixie cut, it was not without a bit of anxiety. "It's just hair, but when you're putting yourself out there every day you want to feel good about yourself," she says.

#### DAY 1 RUNNING FROM SCISSORS

Three words to describe what I've been feeling: anxious, frightened and apprehensive. On my way to the studio to have my "before" picture taken, I was crying on the phone to my sister. But during the cut I strangely had no freak-outs and enjoyed the process. I had spoken at length with my stylist, Lauren at ROAR,

about what I was looking to do, and I felt exhilarated watching her cut off big pieces. The final result was so chic. I went right to my Fashion Week showcase event and felt sexy the whole night.

#### DAY 2 PEER APPROVAL

Everyone who has seen my hair has something nice to say. My husband kept kissing me and has complimented me several times, so I'd say he likes it, too. I haven't seen my family in person, but I sent my sister a photo and she said, "You look gorgeous, and I'm so proud of you for going through with it."

#### DAY 3 DIY TIME

I went to the "Meet the Designers" event for Austin Fashion Week and got a lot of positive comments and people saying they liked how the short hair highlighted my jewelry. This was the first time I've gone out in public after styling it myself. It felt so weird to wash—there was nothing there—but I liked that it was less work. Plus, blow-drying only took about four minutes.

#### DAY 4 MOURNING PERIOD

Even though I love my new hair, I've still been thinking about my old style. It's so weird how your hair becomes part of you. My big fear was that my new cut would end up looking dated instead of cool and edgy. I also had a dry-and-go type of style before and was afraid that a new look would mean a lot of extra product and styling time. I am pleasantly surprised to find none of those things came true.

#### DAY 5 NO REGRETS

My cut is super cute; I'm so glad I did it. It's fun to have a new hairstyle, and I definitely feel better about my appearance now. Tonight is the Fashion Awards. I'm wearing a floor-length bluish-purple strapless dress and some show-stopping earrings. I'm up for Best Designer: People's Choice, but even if I don't win, I have a new haircut that makes me feel wonderful. ☺



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