


SMALL CHANGE.



A large image of Lana Del Rey in a white top and a large straw hat with a blue and white striped brim. A yellow sticky note with the word "After" is pinned to the top right. A circular inset image shows her with short blonde hair, with a red "BEFORE" label below it.

Lana Del Rey

Way before this songstress was famous, she was performing in various bars across New York (under her real name Elizabeth "Lizzy" Grant), to little success. When her debut album bombed after its release, she reinvented herself by taking on the more mysterious name, Lana Del Rey, and changing her image to that of classic '60s screen sirens. The foxy vocalist also admitted to singing lower, as people didn't take her high-pitched voice seriously!



A circular inset image of Lady Gaga with long dark hair, with a red "BEFORE" label below it.

Lady Gaga

Previously a plain jane brunette going by Stefani Germanotta, she surprised everyone by going platinum blonde and pushing the envelope with outlandish wardrobe choices. The bold trendsetter professed that the constant modification of her sound and image is a way of "liberating" herself, insisting that she had been drawn to such practise since childhood.



A large image of Lady Gaga with long platinum blonde hair, wearing a light blue jacket with gold patterns and a large gold necklace. A yellow sticky note with the word "After" is pinned to the bottom left.

BIGBANG'S T.O.P

Touted as the most charismatic member of the quintet, who knew this flawless star was once pudgy? According to reports, after being rejected by an agency for being "too chubby", the determined young T.O.P managed to lose a whopping 20kg! He then auditioned for YG Entertainment as a rapper and was recruited.



A large image of T.O.P with short dark hair, wearing a patterned jacket. A yellow sticky note with the word "After" is pinned to the top right. A circular inset image shows him with long, spiky dark hair, with a red "BEFORE" label below it.



Two images of Adam Levine. The left image shows him with long dark hair and a plaid shirt, with a red "BEFORE" label above it. The right image shows him with short blonde hair and a beard, with a yellow sticky note with the word "After" pinned to the bottom right.

Maroon 5's Adam Levine

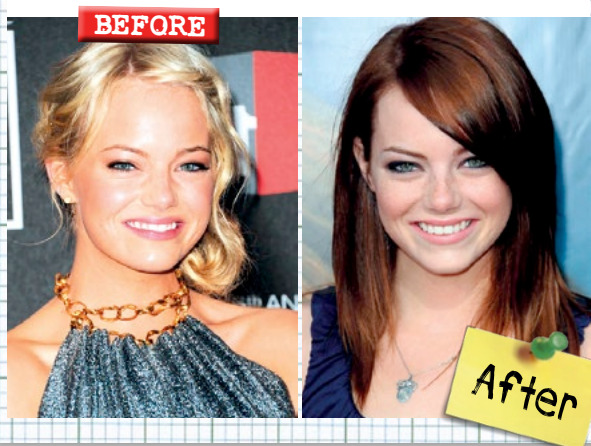
This rock and roll bad boy is constantly evolving. He recently dyed his hair blonde, which received mixed reviews from the public. Perfectly self-assured with his image, Adam said that he has learnt to take criticisms as "compliments". However, this heavily tattooed crooner with unique trend-setting haircuts wasn't always the confident style icon we knew. Adam confessed that he used to be a "pretty gross person who wore oversized flannel shirts, had long hair and even sported a goatee." Shocking!

BIG FAME

Discover the little tweaks these stars made to finally get their break! By Lee Jing Hui

Emma Stone

Whatever the X-Factor is, this lady's got it. She won an acting role as a teenager after dyeing her naturally blonde hair dark brown, but catapulted to stardom only after dyeing it red for her role in *Superbad*. Although she's been going back to blonde quite often, the sassy lady once remarked that people do seem to find her wittier and funnier with fiery locks!



Zac Efron

From teen idol to big-time star, this ex-Disney actor practically grew up in front of our eyes. After the phenomenal success of *High School Musical*, he went straight for the big screens, first landing a role in *17 Again*. Ready to leave his Disney days behind, Zac proved that he had real acting chops and even rejected a role for the remake of *Footloose* – he didn't want to be typecast as a "musical" guy. Needless to say, his career took off!



Katy Perry

According to the bubbly pop princess, life leading to her success was a "long and winding road". Born Katy Hudson to strict and conservative Christian parents, she was once a gospel singer. After changing her name to Katy Perry, this California Gurl made a 180-degree style change, complete with outrageous pin-up inspired outfits and a flirtatious demeanor. Thanks to it, she became the first female artist to have five singles from one album, *Teenage Dream*, top the *US Billboard 200* charts!

Brown Eyed Girls' Ga-In

Although 'Abracadabra' became a nationwide craze upon its debut in 2009, it was her smoky, trademark cat eyes that set her apart from the other members, landing her more TV roles and endorsements. She starred opposite Jo Kwon (2AM) in *We Got Married* and even released a solo album. Last year, the sultry songstress was also picked by Psy to be in the hit MV for 'Gentleman'. Seems like this maknae's going places!

