

# My CLOSE-UP

Naomi Watts on Human League hairdos and playing the People's Princess. By Francesca White

## MY INSPIRATIONS

**Beauty heroine** Julie Christie. She's a goddess and a great actress.

**Most challenging role** The one I'm playing right now, Diana, Princess of Wales. Everyone is going to have an opinion on my performance.

**Great escape** My beach house in Amagansett, New York. I do nothing except sleep and go for long walks with my Yorkshire terrier, Bob.

**Smell of childhood** My mother always wore a strong gardenia fragrance, so I'm very fond of floral scents, essential rose oil and stuff like that. And Diptyque Philosykos is gorgeous.

**On the hunt for** My dream house.

**Trying to collect** Photography. My favourite is a black-and-white Diane Arbus shot of two little twin girls, which hangs in our house in Los Angeles.

**If I could be a superhero** I would have to be Superman. Who wouldn't want to be able to fly?



Diana, Princess of Wales (then Lady Diana Spencer), 1981



JELLY AQUARYSTA, £69, BY ASTALIFT



BOI-ING CONCEALER, £16.50, BY BENEFIT



PHILOSYKOS EAU DE TOILETTE, £50 FOR 50ML, BY DIPTYQUE

## MY WAR PAINT

**My staples** Boi-ing concealer by Benefit, which I've had for over two years – it's probably well past its sell-by date, but it does the trick. And a dusty pink lipstick by Burberry that goes with everything.

**If my bathroom cabinet was on fire...** I'd make a beeline for my wig collection. Seriously.

They're the only valuable things in there – some cost thousands. You never know when you might need one for a job.

**DIY disaster** An asymmetric, shaved-underneath haircut that I attempted in my bedroom when I was 14. I was aiming for something along the lines of Philip Oakey from The Human League – in reality, I looked like I was having a nervous breakdown.

**Things that make my skin happy** Water. As

much sleep as I can get. And Jelly Aquarysta by Astalift. It has a weird, wobbly consistency but makes everything feel lovely and plump.

**Would beg, borrow or steal for** A Sarah Chapman facial. God, they're brilliant – all that massage and lymphatic drainage. I go into her little room, have a snooze, then walk out looking all shiny and fresh.



LIP MIST IN FIELD ROSE, £22.50, BY BURBERRY

**TOP TIP** High thread-count sheets. Society linen from ABC Home is the best I've found yet.



Amagansett beach, New York



## MY DETAILS

**The strangest thing I've had to do for my job** Probably try to be sexy in front of my brother. He's the photographer on a lot of the shoots I do. One for *Tatler* – where I was splashing around in a bubble bath – springs to mind. **Last supper** Healthy would be fresh fruit. Not-so-healthy would be a huge bowl of pasta.

**My exercise regime** Mostly chasing after my two boys, Sasha, five, and Kai, three. I do a bit of pilates and the odd dance class too. **Annoying habit** I'm terrible at making decisions. Once I've made it, I'll second-guess it. I'll probably go back on all of the answers I've said at the end of this interview. **On my Christmas list** A trip to Australia. We'd get the family together, cook amazing seafood, do all the usual stuff. And crackers – the ones you have here in London are way better than what we can find over there.

*Can't live without... 'The smell of the ocean. It's the thing I miss most about home.'*

