

fresh face

Poised to become the new It Girl on the runways, Addison Gill balances the demands of her burgeoning modeling career with her “real life” back home *by Kim Izzo*

NO ONE LOVES a new face more than the fashion world. And for the past few decades, many of those faces have been from our neighbor to the north. Makes you wonder if there’s something in the water in Canada, because the latest modeling megastar-in-the-making is Ontario teenager Addison Gill. She won a model-search contest in New York City in 2008, and quickly became in demand. Since then she’s strutted her stuff down the runways in NYC, Paris, Milan and Toronto, putting her on the cusp of becoming the world’s next top model. Cool, eh?

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT MODELING?

The amazing friends that I’ve made and being able to work with top designers who are so inspiring to be around.

WHAT’S THE HARDEST PART?

It can be emotionally draining to be away from friends and family for long periods of time. I usually have so many things on my mind that it’s overwhelming trying to find time for friends, family, school deadlines, traveling and work.

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HOW DO YOU BALANCE YOUR CAREER WITH NORMAL TEENAGE STUFF?

I try to plan my schedule so that I always have some downtime to spend with my friends. I take one course at my normal high school (the rest are online) so that when I’m home I can see my friends and earn an extra credit.

WHAT IS YOUR SKIN-CARE REGIMEN?

I am very diligent about washing my face every morning and night, followed by day/night cream and eye cream. After I model in a show, I always use sensitive makeup wipes to take off my makeup, and then apply my day and eye cream before leaving for the next show.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE GO-TO PRODUCTS FOR BEAUTY?

I am in love with Herbal Essences shampoos!



The colors brighten my mood and the products make my hair smell so fresh. I like **CoverGirl LashBlast Length** mascara because the slim brush design means no clumpy lashes. I also like **Outlast Lipstain** because it’s not sticky and has a great variety of shades, so I can try different colors. **ANY BEAUTY SECRETS/TIPS YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE READERS?**

When shopping for makeup, bring someone whose opinion you trust. And remember to embrace your

own unique beauty and be true to yourself. Choose your best feature and find the right colors that work for your skin tone.

IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS THAT YOU’RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT?

I want to ace my school courses so I can enjoy my summer. I’m looking forward to relaxing with my friends and going to the beach.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS BEYOND MODELING?

I recently read a book about child soldiers in Sierra Leone and found it really inspiring. When I’m older I want to find some way to use my modeling, and my own achievements, to help other people. I’d love to volunteer for an international organization that helps people on a global scale.

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california dream

Foodies, shopaholics, nature buffs and culture vultures alike will find something to love in San Francisco

BETWEEN THE CITY’S POSTCARD-PERFECT Victorian row houses, world-class restaurants, ample green spaces, Beat Generation pedigree and hills steep enough to make gym memberships redundant, San Francisco really does have it all. We went beyond Fisherman’s Wharf and the Golden Gate Bridge to get the inside scoop on the City by the Bay.

The key to looking stylish in **SAN FRANCISCO**, where the chilly summer fog can envelop you in the blink of an eye? Layers, layers and more layers! We met Nerissa in upscale Pacific Heights.

NAME & AGE: Nerissa Pacio Itchon, 33

OCCUPATION: Fashion editor

IN THE MIX: “My style is high-low eclectic. I shop everywhere from big department stores to little neighborhood boutiques, and I dress depending on my mood. I love pieces with a vintage flair.”

WEATHER GIRL: “The weather here certainly affects the way I dress. Layers are key, and I never leave home without a scarf.”

SAN FRANCISCO STYLE: “San Franciscans aren’t particularly label-conscious; it’s more about creating your own look from the many different places you’ve discovered. The more original, the better!”



San Francisco residents rock a relaxed, chic style. While there, we spotted: (from top) Bianca, 21; Kara, 28; and stylish standout (left) Nerissa, 33.

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