



HOLLYWOOD STYLE Candace Smith's MILLION DOLLAR STYLE!

We caught up with Candace Smith who is currently seen on WEtv's *Million Dollar Matchmaker*, formerly on Bravo as *The Millionaire Matchmaker*. Check out our Chick Chat!

Tell us about your latest projects. I honestly feel so blessed to have so much happening at the same time! I am the female lead in the feature film *My Father, Die*. I play Nana, the heroine of this gritty action thriller set in the South. Distribution was recently locked in and it will hit theaters the end of the year, which is beyond exciting!

In the TV world, I teamed back up with love guru Patti Stanger for a new WEtv series *Million Dollar Matchmaker* which premieres this summer and will be most definitely entertaining! I can promise that. Plus my life and love coaching business are awesome. No complaints, just gratitude!

What's your hair story? My hair has been a hot topic of conversation lately because of filming for three months at a time and the damage it can do on your hair. I actually used to wear partial weaves and perm a portion of my hair when I filmed thinking I was protecting it, but that was not the case. The hair I left out was not as close to as healthy as the hair I braided up. So I decided over a year ago that I have to take better care of my natural hair and went back 100% natural. I couldn't be any happier! It has

grown out beautiful and thick like when I was a little girl. Now I wear full weaves and looking into some wigs as well when I film. I wear my natural hair in twists and buns but also press it in a cute bob.

What's the best advice you can share on hair? Eat healthy, drink water and exercise. Healthy hair starts on the inside.

Do you have any favorite hairstyles? One of my favorite hairstyles is a high ponytail because it is an instant facelift! I also love when I want to be glamorous to pin my hair to one side with big curls and waves for an old school Hollywood look.

How do you feel about wigs and weaves? I love wigs and weaves! The ability to change up your look and protect your hair at the same time is priceless. I'm not sure why some people are ashamed of wearing a weave or wig. It doesn't mean you don't have hair or don't love your hair; you simply want a different look and/or want to protect your hair.

Do you have a favorite brand of extension hair? I won't name a specific brand yet because I'm waiting on an endorsement deal lol! Quality of hair is very important to me, so I'm very selective when purchasing. I always research and talk to someone who has worn the hair for an extended period.

What is the most fun you ever had with a wig? I have rocked wigs many times, especially in photo shoots. I would say my Paul Mitchell ad was a fun Great Gatsby look with a bob and bangs or a Bacardi ad I did with a blond curly wig.

Name five of your must-have hair products. Hairfinity Vitamins, Kerastase Serum, It's a 10 Miracle Leave-in Conditioner, Hick's Edge Control, Pssst! Dry Shampoo.

What other celebrity's style do you admire? I have always admired Kerry Washington's talent and style. She is very sophisticated and classic but always magnificent when she goes glamorous.

What are your must-have beauty products? As funny as it sounds, water. I believe in a healthy lifestyle. I also must have Neutrogena's Deep Clean Invigorating Foaming Scrub, Kiehl's Ultra Facial Moisturizer and Kiehl's Midnight Recovery Concentrate.

What's the best advice you can give our readers on makeup? My best advice is to start with healthy skin and to remember to give your skin a break. Never sleep in makeup. Also, less is more. Learn what your best features are and accentuate them versus heaving makeup everywhere.

What is the source of your inspiration? I'm inspired by my family. Even though I am from Dayton, Ohio we were raised in the South. So we have a great balance of Midwestern and Southern values and work ethic.

Do you have any advice on achieving success for our readers? You must block out any negative voices, even if they come from your friends or family and focus in on your dreams. Most importantly, the harder you work, the more blessed you are! For more on Candace, check out her site at candacesmith.com.



Candace's Cool, Classy Look!
To achieve this style start by following Candace's advice. Eat healthy and consider a hair supplement like Hairfinity Vitamins.

Shampoo and condition the hair and set it on large rollers. Allow the hair to dry, release the rollers and blend the curls together with a wide tooth comb.

