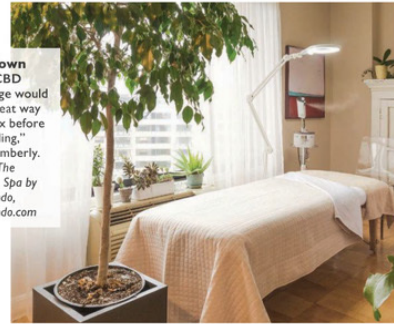




**Rubdown**  
 "The CBD massage would be a great way to relax before a wedding," says Kimberly. \$200, The Garden Spa by skincando, skincando.com



**Healing Powers**  
 "A nude slide works well for prewedding events," says Amaya. Manicão sandal, \$775, by Casadei at Hu's Shoes, 3005 M St. NW, husonline.com; casadei.com



**Here's to You**  
 "La Vie on the waterfront has a New York City lounge vibe and a great cocktail list," says Kimberly. "I'd go there for bridal-party drinks." The Wharf, 88 District Square SW, 5th Floor, lavie-dc.com



**Best-Dressed**  
 "This Walker dress could be worn to a bridal luncheon with a pink lip," says Kimberly. \$495, by A.L.C. at Hu's Wear, 2906 M St. NW, husonline.com; alctd.com



**Oil Control**  
 "Blotterazzi Pro let's you deal with oil without messing up your makeup," says Kimberly. \$20, by Beautyblender at Brown Beauty Co-Op; beautyblender.com

# BEAUTY FOR ALL

By Jennifer Barger

Best friends **Kimberly Smith** and **Amaya Smith** (no, they're not sisters, except in spirit) first crossed paths at a graduate chapter meeting for their sorority (Alpha Kappa Alpha) back in 2012. They bonded over their passion for DC and the beauty business. Kimberly founded online boutique Marjani two years ago, angled at selling indie skincare and cosmetics to women of color; Amaya is an officer for the Product Junkie site, which specializes in goods for kinky, curly hair. Last December, they joined forces to launch their brick-and-mortar, The Brown Beauty Co-Op. "I felt like DC was missing a place that was more inclusive," says Kimberly. From their chandelier- and pink-filled headquarters, they sell lines like AJ Crimson (matte lipsticks) and Trepadora (curl-enhancing balms), and offer a makeup lounge to ready you for your big day. And the two give us some tips for brides and wedding parties this fall. 1365 Connecticut Ave. NW, brownbeautyco-op.com

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