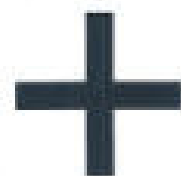


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# She's Pretty In Pink

What happens when women get together to get pampered? Wendi Chan of Pink Parlour opens the door to her place



**What really happens in a beauty parlour?** A lot of our customers are expatriates or local bankers and lawyers. They come and gossip about their husbands, or bitch about their work—or other women! You can hear a lot of stories in beauty parlours. Some come in groups just so they can sit around and talk for hours, rather than go to a noisy bar.

**But aren't facials and nail treatments mere acts of vanity? Why not just do it at home?** Women now have money to spend so we can afford it. Besides, having our nails cleared is a necessity—which we can't do by ourselves, and would rather not do in front of our men. It's not just about getting your nails painted; you also get your hands scrubbed and a massage. Men don't understand why we need these things, although a lot of guys do come for manicures these days. I get a lot of virgin hands here...

**By guys you mean metrosexuals...** I think they're sensitive, well-groomed men, who understand where we're coming from. I wouldn't consider a guy who has his nails done to be vain because I do look at a guy's nails. If he has horrible-looking or dirty nails, that's not very good.

**It's a big turn-off then?** I also don't like guys who think that if they have tonnes of money they can buy anything they want—and try to impress women with their wealth.

**What qualities in a man do you like?** A sense of humour. He needs to take a lot of my nonsense because I crack jokes all the time—and he had better laugh! It's not easy to find dependable men. I also need a man who can give me a clear opinion of whether I'm doing the right thing or not, at work or in life in general. And of course, he has to be smart.

**What should men know about women?** Women should have the freedom to do what they want. If they want to go on holidays with their girlfriends, let them go! Women should have time for themselves. Many forget about their friends or social life when they get married and have kids.

**What are your weaknesses?** I'm an 'insensitive woman'.

I do as I please and can be inconsiderate to my partner, who is a very sensitive man, which I appreciate. I'm also a workaholic. Christmas was my only day off in the last four months.

**Define romance**  
I'm not romantic but my partner is. He once surprised me by bringing me to a chef's house, where we learnt to cook our own French dishes.

It was a very romantic gesture.

**And your expert**

**take on beauty?** People say that it comes from within, but that is not completely true. If someone is beautiful on the outside but has an ugly personality, or is beautiful on the inside but looks sloppy, then they won't be beautiful in other people's eyes. There must be a balance between the two. And of course, confidence really shows. ■

**W**hen you're already as hot as Wendi Chan, her lifelong pursuit of beauty may seem strange. But that's exactly what she's been doing since starting out as a model at 17, doing runways and magazines locally and in the US for six years. She then went to Indonesia in 2002, where she designed women's accessories for the country's biggest department store, Pasaraya Grande. She then returned here as brand manager for skincare brand Avene.

Right now, Wendi's focus is on yet another aspect of beauty. The 33-year-old mother of three recently opened Pink Parlour, a 'face, body and nail bar', at Kim Yam Road. It's not a spa, she clarifies, but a beauty parlour "where women gather to feel good, have fun and look beautiful," she says. If guys want to learn about women's obsession with pampering themselves, then Pink Parlour seems the place to go to. But there's one thing we must know. Do you offer massages? Wendi laughs. "My guy friends always tease me about that. They keep asking if we give 'extra' service!"

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## SHE KNEADS IT

Turn your place into a spa for her with Wendi's handy tips

- Light up some aroma candles. Scatter rose petals around the room. Get a good massage oil. You can buy it off the shelves, or we have one at Pink Parlour called Aghradite, which you can heat up.
- For the massage, start with her feet, move to her legs then go up all the way, before working on her shoulders. It's more of the physical connection that she'd appreciate.
- What happens after the massage is up to you! But you can also feed her chocolates or strawberries, and then watch a video.
- I don't advise men to do facials on their girls. Guys know nothing about them, and there are steps that men may find too complicated!