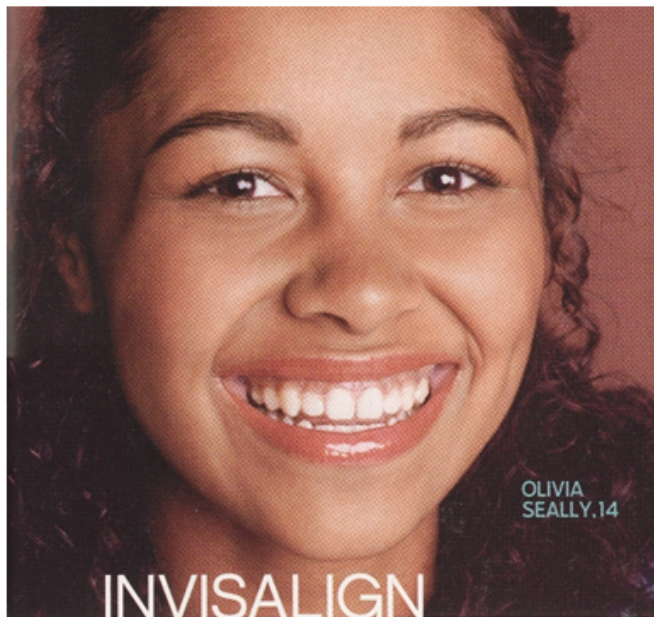


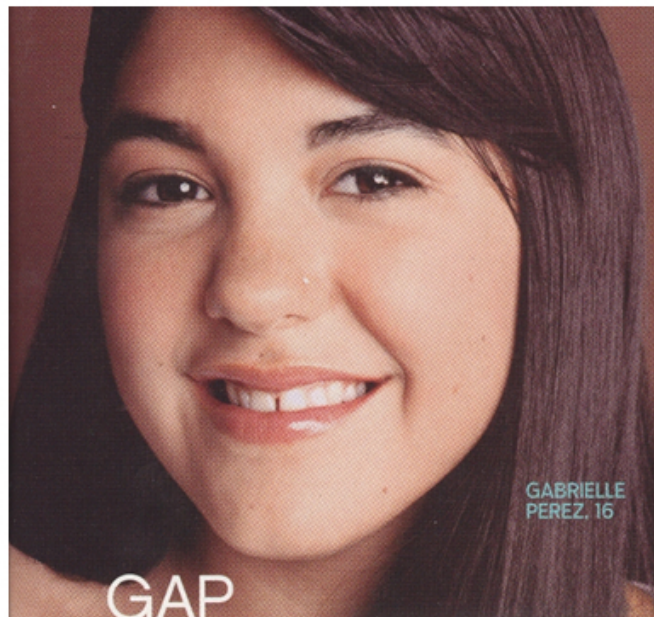
DISCOVER YOUR PERFECT SMILE

"That's one of the things I like about me," Kirsten Dunst has said of her "messed-up teeth." See how these NYC-area Trendspotters learned to love their grins. Plus, expert tips on how you can too



Olivia >> "I needed braces but heard they hurt and hide your teeth. So I got Invisalign [clear braces]. I can actually see the improvement. I take [the retainer] out to eat and get a new one every two weeks. One of my friends even got Invisalign because of me."

Tip >> With Invisalign, it's important to clean between teeth after eating. NYC Smile Design dentist Ramin Tabib recommends using waxed floss. Try Reach Clean Burst Waxed Floss (\$2; at drugstores).



Gabrielle >> I was so self-conscious about my gap, I smiled with my mouth closed until I was 13. The procedure to close it sounded too painful. But a friend told me that my gap showed character, and then I started to like it."

Tip >> Embrace your gap! And get an even brighter smile with a teeth whitener. Strips are easy and harmless, says dentist Elisa Mello of NYC Smile Design. Try Crest Whitestrips Classic (\$25; at drugstores).

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