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## HONESTLY...

WARNING she always says what she thinks

“I want my vagina to look like a vagina”

**M**y bikini line has become quite the conversation starter of late. I am going through a transition period, a time of re-evaluating how I represent my lady parts. Gone are the days of bi-monthly trips to a salon to spread my legs for a total stranger so she can lather me with hot wax and pluck me like a chicken. Leaving an unfeminine, stark, half-inch thick strip that resembles a chocolate finger biscuit more than a vagina. After years of this voluntary humiliation,

I have realised that I want my vagina to look like a vagina.

The big bush is making a comeback. A-list stars like Gwyneth Paltrow and Cameron Diaz have both been very vocal about promoting the onslaught of pubic hair and, of course, feminists have been telling us for ever that we don't have to rid ourselves of our most womanly asset (our muffs). Yet I insisted on it for over a decade, even partaking in very public debates defending it. And although I believe a woman has the

absolute right to do what she wants with her own vagina without being judged, the truth is, I am now judging myself a little. Why was I so determined to make it look like a toy instead of a part of my body?

I have never had an issue with general hair removal. For me, shaving my legs and armpits is worth every effort. Women who don a hirsute pit often preach that it doesn't create a smell, but for me, I feel it does. It isn't that I get worse BO, but there's a mustiness that occurs, which I'd rather not get



I've worn the same perfume since I was 13 – Obsession, by Calvin Klein.

I love it, and don't feel myself when I don't have it on. One problem, my husband hates it. He buys me other perfumes, but I just don't like them. Nothing excites me. Then a friend gave me a bottle of rose oil from the US for my birthday. It's gorgeous, so fresh and natural and really unique. I've worn it every day since and the fella loves it too. Finally we have a compromise! Try **Rose Absolute** £18 [nealsyardremedies.com](http://nealsyardremedies.com)



◀ from my nephew, feeling unlike a woman, and just like a wally.

In my defence, there were reasons other than just aesthetics why I waxed to such an extreme. I do, inarguably, believe that it increases sensation when another human being is willing to give it a one-on-one with their face. For me, that's a fact. So for that reason I will always endeavour to keep it neat, and the occasional self-administered short back and sides will still keep it looking the way Mother Nature intended, but controlled enough for me to feel sexy.

But as for the demoralisation of regular waxing sessions, I have

to stop those. If one more person says, "Turn over and hold your cheeks apart" to me in my lifetime, I may never leave the house again. I am a 35-year-old happily married woman, I have nothing to prove any more. And if I could go back in time, I'd tell my 25-year-old self that she doesn't, either. You live, you learn. You grow up, and realise that embracing your natural state only makes you feel more solid as a person.

I am now at one with my soft, spongy mound of fluff. It's glorious to stroke and is a comfort to see and touch. I feel more of a woman than I ever did, I've grown into my vagina and will wear it with pride. And aside from that, I travel a lot more than I used to and miss my cat when I'm on the road. So really, this is a win/win situation.

Let me know what you think @hotpatooties #GlamourMagUK

love Dawn  
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**AUNTIE TWIT**

Dawn solves your problems (well, sort of) in 140 characters

**@hotpatooties** how do I convince longtime single pal that internet dating isn't just full of freaks & pervs?!  
**@soozhood** Oh you must. Do the research for her and write her profile. I think half the battle is feeling silly about self-promotion.

**@hotpatooties** is it unrealistic to expect home of own by the time I'm 40, by working arse off??  
**@ktlovesshoes** If you are working hard there is always a way, but you have to make sacrifices. Judging by your twitter name, can I suggest fewer shoes ;)

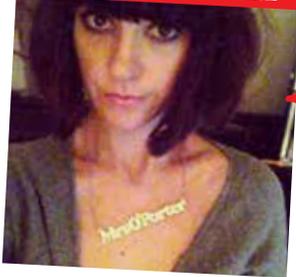
**@hotpatooties** have started up my own business instead of going back to work full time. Stick it out or get back to 9-5?  
**@missduffbug** Congratulations! Absolutely stick at it. The best success stories are never easy, it's determination and perseverance that gets you what you want.

**HEY, LADY...**



I've fallen in love with an embroiderer and designer called Rosie Beard. She used to work for Piers Atkinson but has gone on to create her own designs. Her representation of the female form is all over cushions, fabrics and wallpaper. Big bums, lots of hair, droopy boobs and spread legs. My favourite is her painting *Girls* (top). Sassy women in '80s underwear, awesome! [rosiebeard.com](http://rosiebeard.com)

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"Wearing my O with pride!" #MrsOPorter

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**TAT'S ONE WAY TO GET REVENGE...**

Torz Reynolds, 26, from London, sought revenge on her ex by slicing off her tattoo – which said "Chopper's Bitch" – with a scalpel and sending it to him in the post. Now, revenge is always a questionable game, but don't you think she hurt herself a little more than she hurt him? OUCH! ©



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