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If you're as talented and dedicated as Alexander Wang—as in, you were designing your first collection your sophomore year of college and won a CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund award at the age of 24—it's probably good to keep the rest of your habits precisely no-fuss. "I don't want to say I'm locked down," says Wang, of living and working in Chinatown, "but it's easy, it's convenient, and it has the food I love." That might sound at odds with his wild creativity, but it's more a product of his focused attitude. The man knows what he likes: loose and easy looks with the perfect balance of disheveled refinement. He made a name for himself with his anti-fitted womenswear and the past year he's brought the same sensibility to his sharply casual men's line of slouchy tees and hoodies. Here he shows us what keeps his finely-tuned routine in check.

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8. Blackstones hair salon

"I followed the owner, Joey, from when he used to work at Mudhoney. He tends to my coif. I always tell him to just go—it's very rare that I meet someone that I can just tell to trim it or take it shorter, but he's been with me from my shorter hair, to longer bangs, to when I grew out my hair. So at this point, I just trust him with whatever."

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