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Gwen Stefani

THE ROCK-STAR MOM OPENS UP ABOUT MAKEUP, MUSIC AND WHAT MAKES HER HAPPY

You've launched a makeup line with **Urban Decay. What** was the biggest challenge during the process?

Creating a red lipstick that I would take with me everywhere! They only wanted to make so many reds, but I was like, "How do you choose?

You ended up releasing four red lipsticks. Which is your favorite? I'd say Rock Steady, which

has a deep berry tone. It's so pretty. What's your offduty beauty look?

I look pretty much the same. There are a few moments in my life where I haven't had makeup on. I have a new song called "War Paint," [because] for me, putting on makeup is my ritual, and I feel like it really matches whatever mood I'm in.

You change up your hair all the



time. What look did you love most?

When [No Doubt bandmate] Tony Kanal broke up with me [in the 1990s] and I bleached my hair. I was always obsessed with anything oldfashioned, so when I went platinum and was able to do a 1950s-style set, I had the look that I'd fantasized about for so long. Do your sons know

the difference between glammedup mom and makeup-free mom?

They do, and they like both versions of me.

During the last season of The Voice, I got inspired by 60s makeup, so that's a lot makes me look glamorous, but I go through phases with my makeup. We all do.

eating pizza and burritos? Music probably makes me the happiest. Speaking of music, your single "Used to Love You" is so emotional. Can we expect some happy now? Yeah! I am in a place right now where joyful. But the record August-there were no ideas. Then I guess by going through

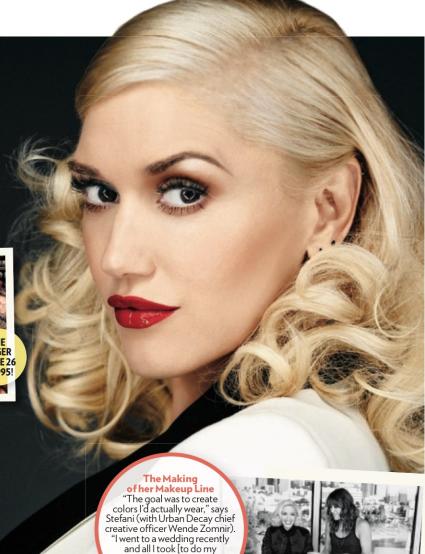
such a tragedy last year [Stefani and Gavin Rossdale announced their split in August after 13 vears of marriage], something good came out of that, and I was able to write again and be confident in my gift. It's been therapeutic and fun to be able to share the song. Will any of your upcoming songs be about that tall

makeup] were my blush and

eyeshadow palettes, and my Brow Box."

cowboy in your life? I tweeted that there could be one about him-or maybe a lot. We'll see!





But if I do get made up and I see them, they'll be like, "You look pretty!" What makes you happy? Other than songs from you the music is quite She doesn't always wear red lipstick! really documents the journey that I have been on. I of eye makeup and less lip," says Stefani, 46. "Red lipstick hadn't been able to write before last