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Nawina uses a gel made from sugar, lemon juice, water, and glycerin at Shobha in New York City.

Bare Necessities

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New York City

Shobha

Nawina

1790 Broadway, 212-977-7771

The place: A single-minded hair-removal salon with orange and red walls and colorfully patterned chairs.

Technique: Shobha will use wax if you like, but the spa specializes in sugaring, an ancient hair-removal technique using a warm sugar-based mix that supposedly doesn't tug on the skin.

Distraction tactics: With yogi-like calm, Nawina helped direct our breathing before yanking off each strip.

Bottom line: We were so impressed with the smooth results and Nawina's sweet demeanor that we booked a second appointment for the following month. Brazilian wax, \$60 and up. ★★★★★