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By *Emily Wylie*

Beautiful women, alluring women displayed in vivid, colored print.
What will I look like 10 years from now?

Twelve-year-old eyes scatter over flawless, feminine visions.
Cut out the ones who are pretty, *my inspiration*.

Heave the rest in the trash, *remember, no flaws allowed*.

Cut out and shred everything that constrains perfection.
Throw out the scraps. *Slice my thighs, my stomach*.

They're a mountain of junk, leave it behind.
I want to look like her; I want to be her.

Cut me up into pieces,

but be careful,
I need to be

perfect.