

The wives (from left: NeNe Leakes, Sheree Whitfield, Lisa Wu Hartwell, Kim Zolciak and Kandi Burruss, photographed in an Atlanta mansion July 13) try to keep it classy, but "you get to see people's true characters this year," says Zolciak. "It's really revealing."



Southern Belles

Pour a cocktail and let the catfights begin! The Real Housewives of Atlanta stir up season 2: Mix equal parts diva and drama, and add plenty of bling
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HAIR: (SHEREE) LAWRENCE WASHINGTON; (LISA & NENE) ELIJAH COHEN; (KIM) DEREK J./THE J. SPOT SALON; (KANDI) PAULA BRITT/BLENDZ SALON, ATLANTA; MAKEUP: (LISA & NENE) PARRA THOMAS/THE REAL BLACK BARBIE INC.; (SHEREE) TONI ACEY; (KIM & KANDI) SAISHA BEECHAM/MAC COSMETICS; STYLIST: KEKE SAMBERSTEIN/CREW