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# Jenny Lee

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**A**fter appearing on *Oprah* and *Larry King Live*, native Texan Jenny Lee has become a celebrity in her own right. The 33-year-old Austinite has undergone a total of 47 cosmetic procedures to the tune of more than \$120,000—and counting. She considers herself an “enthusiast, expert and educator” on the subject.

**When did you have your first surgery?**

When I was 20 years old, I got a breast augmentation in Houston. I was suffering from very poor self-esteem. My breasts were asymmetrical; I felt like the procedure would even out my breasts and make me feel better. I applied for a credit card that had just enough money on it and made a one-stop shop and maxed that sucker out right then. If you're asymmetrical, you really need to get a lift. But I couldn't afford it. So I made small asymmetrical breasts into big asymmetrical breasts. Within six months, my left implant came out of the pocket. I knew I had to go back.

**And your second?** I pinched pennies, and two years later I got a breast lift, made them larger, got my nose done and had full body liposuction from a better doctor in Dallas. At that point, I boarded the train.

**The train?** People will go in and get a boob job, and they don't realize the maintenance that comes along with it. Hence, you have now boarded the train. It's like going to the grocery store when you're hungry and buying more groceries than you need. It's very easy to go into the plastic surgeon for one thing and walk out with three or four things done. I almost saw it like a menu board.

**What ideal image did you have in mind before your surgeries?** Maybe a better version of myself. I didn't set out to look like anybody. It just so happened that the things I ended up doing resemble Barbie. A lot.

**Do you think your high school friends would recognize you?** I did not go to my 15-year reunion, but if I had, my best friend would have recognized me. Everyone else would have wondered who I was. In high school, I was in Future Farmers of America and raised pigs. So the exterior you see here doesn't reflect who I really am. Which is ironic.

**Will you ever have a final surgery?** I would like to say yes, but the reality is no. The only thing I can say is that I hope when I'm 62 years old, I look half as good as Dolly Parton. 🍷