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Bridal makeup 101

PPLYING bridal makeup properly is something every bride needs to know prior to making her grand entrance down the aisle. Following a few makeup tips can help every girl look perfect on her special day without any added stress.

Easy bridal makeup application

A bride's makeup should look natural, but also emphasise her features so they look beautiful in photographs. Makeup should depend on both the theme and time of the wedding. Evening wedding looks can be slightly more dramatic with sultry eyes and bold shadows, while daytime bridal makeup should be minimal with neutral eye shadows and rosy lips.

Best bridal eye makeup

It is important to make the makeup last throughout the day without smudging. Apply eye makeup primer. It is better to apply the eye makeup first, so if there's a problem, it will be much easier to wipe away from clean skin than to fix the face makeup that has already been applied.

Steps for beautiful eye makeup

To apply full eye shadow, use a highlighter, a mid-tone and a crease shade. It's best to stick with natural or neutral shades that mimic the skin tone in tone and depth. For example, a fair-skinned bride may like a pale pinkishbeige all over with taupe in the crease.

Use a highlighter shade in a pearl or matte finish, but avoid metallic eye shadow on the special day. Metallic shadows look garish in photos and cast unwanted light.

After applying eye shadow, apply black or brown eyeliner in a smooth line to the top lash line, extending it slightly at the edges. Use waterproof formulas to keep the eyeliner from smudging. For more

emphasis, use eye shadow to softly line the eye under the lower lashes line. Pencil or heavy liner can be too harsh for a bridal look.

Curl the eyelashes with a squeezeaction or heated eyelash curler, and then apply several coats of mascara. Black waterproof mascara is the best choice for every bride.

Flawless lasting foundation

The next step is foundation. The best look is a flawless, natural-looking finish that lasts. If you plan on tanning prior to your big day, make sure your foundation and concealer both match your deeper skin tone.

Apply a makeup primer to help foundation last. Apply under-eye concealer if needed. Cream-to-powder and mineral makeup are excellent choices for most brides.

If dark circles are a problem, opt for a cream-to-powder makeup. Use mineral-powder foundation if the bride has a more moderate natural skin tone. Apply concealer to any red spots or blemishes.

Bridal glow

Get the perfect bridal glow by using the right blush and highlighter.

Brides look beautiful in peach and rosy hues; choose a blush colour that gives a natural-looking glow. A cream or stain blush is best for all-day coverage. If you must wear a powder blush, layer the colour heavily and blend carefully. Focus on the apples of the cheeks and extend it back along the cheekbones.

Highlighter

Highlighting products reflect light and make the face glow. Apply highlighting powder or liquid with a light touch along the tops of the cheekbones. To create a more sculpted look for photographs, go

for contouring and highlighting.

After that, set the face makeup with a light dusting of loose, translucent powder.

Wedding day lip colour

Brides need a lipstick that stays put. Use a lip primer product, or a light layer of foundation to cover the lips before applying lip colour. Options for wedding day lips include -

Lip stains are a great option for all day wear. Purchase a long-wearing lip colour and line and fill in lips with a neutral liner to extend wear.

Opt for traditional lip liner and lipstick. Line the lips with a neutral liner or one that matches the lipstick and fill in the lips with liner. Go over the liner with lipstick, blot, reapply, and then blot again.

If you'd like a plumper-looking pout, apply a dab of shimmering pink shadow just at the centre of the bottom lip and blend it out along the edges. Apply a clear gloss.

Polished eyebrows

Because eyebrows frame the face, they should be well groomed and shaped one week prior to your wedding day to avoid the risk of red bumps or wax allergies. Brush the eyebrows upwards and outwards using an eyebrow brush. Fill them in with a taupe or brown shadow and set them with a clear mascara or wax.

A beautiful bride

Nothing is as beautiful as a joyful bride. So it's best to avoid the stress on the special day, and to keep essentials like pressed powder and lip colour in an emergency bridal kit for touch ups. With a little practice before the wedding, when the day comes you'll feel confident, beautiful, and ready for the most memorable day of your life.

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