

ABC's of Makeup

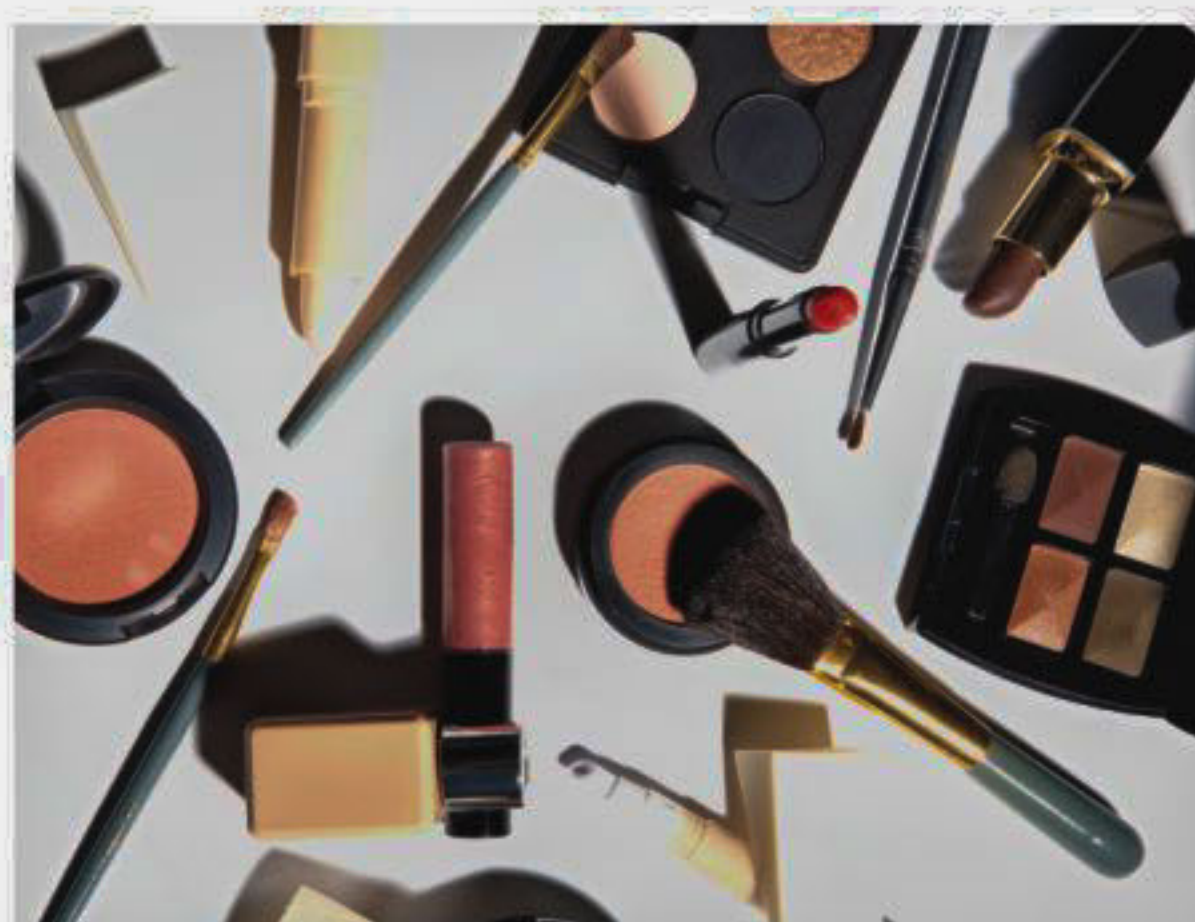
Why do we need makeup? Is it to create an illusory version of ourselves? Or is it just to cover up the perceived minor flaws?

Well, the cynics and naysayers can discuss the cross-purposes, as much as they want. All we care about is that make-up makes us feel better, releases serotonin, uplifts our mood and helps us be more appreciative of life itself.

That's about all that's necessary at the moment!



Now with all the complicated and philosophical stuff out of the way, let's get on to learn the basics of the art form.



The eleven must-haves or the Ocean's 11 in the world of makeup would be primer, foundation, concealer, setting powder, blush, eyeliner, mascara, lipstick, neutral eye shadow palette, setting spray and of course a pair of lashes.

With the checklist made up and the budget in place, it's time to talk about the products themselves. Foundation is one of the major 'building blocks' when it comes to makeup, so it is always better to splurge on it!

Hourglass and Nars are well known foundations, which may be a bit up-there, but the smooth finishing it reproduces almost always makes up for the lofty price. These brands can be easily bought from groups such as Shop Assist BD or Blush on a Rush and AfsheenBD.

Concealer and foundations go hand in hand, whereas the latter gives a full on



coverage the former is used to cover up minor flaws and is more area specific. Makeup Revolution has come out with and amazing and super affordable concealers. Bellissima Makeup Store has all things Makeup Revolution, so it shouldn't be too much of a trouble to find the cult favourite!

For all us girls with oily skins out there, setting powders are a must since we don't want our natural oil to come through and shine brighter than any highlighter. Coty Airspun is Tati's Holy Grail and sits on the face beautifully, sets the concealer and makes the face matte. What more can a girl want?

Oh right! It's also very affordable at a Facebook group called Sassy Chic.

Hands down blushes can change a person's whole look. A subtle hint of colour on the cheeks can make anyone look more alive. And there are no better affordable

and good quality blushes like the Milani ones.

Mascara and eyeliners have, as of late, become a requirement for many. Kat Von D tattoo liner has been a favourite throughout the year, it is a bit of an investment but the wing is always on point. However, Lash Paradise from Maybelline is also a dream come true.

The discussion can go on forever but it's never end unless we discuss lipsticks!

Few shades a brown girl must have are Anastasia Beverly Hills- Ashton, Kat Von D- Lolita; and finally Colourpop- Arriba, the brightest and prettiest red that looks good on everyone!

Have we missed out on anything? – Ahhhh Yes!! Primer from NYX, Smashbox or Benefit Porefessional range, Nude eye palette from Chanel or Bobbi Brown, False lashes from Huda Beauty or Sephora and finally an excellent setting spray from Makeup Revolution.

With all these in our stock, we are almost good to go.

From one enthusiast to another, the list can go on forever. But my personal belief is that it's always better to build-up anything slowly; be it education, wealth or layers of makeup!

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What Colour are you?

There is a theory that your favourite colour often reflects your personality, down to your bone. If you are one of those people who can't choose a favourite colour, then do not worry. Our kind has not yet figured out who we truly are! And those of you who have multiple favourite colours or change your favourite colours like changing your outfits, worry not. It does not mean that you are confused; it means you have an ever growing soul that cannot be tamed. But what does your favourite colour say about you?

If a friend dares you to announce to a crowded restaurant that your all time favourite movie is 'Fifty Shades of Grey,' and in the fear of seeming like a coward you do declare your love for the franchise in a heart-beat; your colour is red. People who love red would not mind wearing a Disney princess outfit to attend a wedding neither would they be afraid of singing at the top of their voice in an office. Red loving people are daring, confident and determined, comparable like a hawk.

If your friends need you to fight their arguments and battles for them because you are the real life Harvey Specter to their Jessica Pearson, then you are definitely orange. Orange represents wit, an open-mind and great negotiating skills. Orange loving people are energetic and playful and would take the first chance they get to pull



someone's leg.

If your Pottermore quiz has declared you as a Hufflepuff, you are yellow. You are no different than Newt Scamander in that both Newt and you are helpful, sensible, faithful and committed wizards. Whether you need to find and document all magical creatures or find your friend a partner to prom, you will give it your 100% selfless dedication. Helga Hufflepuff will be proud of you.

If you are that one friend that cries at every rom-com movie while also lending your shoulder to your best friend to cry on, then purple is your colour. Purple loving

people are the first ones to stop a fight and believe that love wins over violence. No wonder BTS chose purple as their colour to promote love and peace around the globe.

If 'The Notebook' has made you want to dance on an empty street with your imaginary significant other while sharing scenes from the movie on Tumblr, then you are a lot blue. You can't help being a hopeless romantic being on cloud 9. You live for everything related to love, aesthetics and spirituality. You are where art begins.

Lastly, if you can take down an entire mob while solving a Sudoku without batting



an eye, then you are most definitely green. You have some of the best qualities such as intellect, calmness, curiosity and power. Green maybe associated with jealousy but green mostly represents down to earth qualities. People must not underestimate those who have immense love for green.

You may think that you are the one to choose your favourite colour. But it might be the opposite after all. Your favourite colour chooses you.

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