



Finding the perfect **MAKEUP ARTIST**

For every girl, there comes a time when she is the centre of attention, and not in a negative way! She is the most beautiful woman in the room, and one of the reasons for forming the sweetest bond between two families. It is her time to be a princess, pampered with love and everything that is her favourite. It's the day she's been dreaming of since she first saw a wedding in her family. Now, it's her turn.

A lot of research and planning goes into your wedding events. While everyone else in Team Bride scouts for the perfect venues, photographers, caterers and decorators; the bride searches for her makeup artist.

Looking for a bridal makeup artist can be nerve-racking.

It can also be overwhelming because the options are abundant. Finding the right bridal MUA (makeup artist) can take some time. It is perfectly okay to extensively stalk and seek referrals for the

MUA you see on Instagram and Facebook for months in advance. So, let your research brew slowly, and then move on to meeting the MUAs on your shortlist so you can have a consultation session with them.

Star Lifestyle spoke to two acclaimed pro makeup artists, Proma Wazed Mostafa of Sonali's HD Make-Up Studio and Salon, and Nahila Hedayet of Privé Salon and Spa Ltd to get all the details on what a bride should know and ask before hiring a MUA.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Before anything, communicate. It is very important for clients to have a conversation flow with her bridal makeup artist. On this day, your face will be captured in pictures to be stored forever, so you want to let your artist know exactly what will make you look and feel your best.

Nahila says that the clients that book her in advance show her pictures of clothing and jewellery even before brainstorming the makeup look. Proma says, "I actually remind my clients to put Vaseline on their lips before they go to sleep, and also to religiously moisturise their faces at home." The best formula for achieving your bridal makeup goals is to put a little faith in your MUA and to be confident in yourself.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BASE

You should know the kinds of procedures your selected MUA's offer for the booking. Some artists only offer makeup application, and you may find artists

that will go the extra mile with you, to make you look and feel amazing for your big day.

Proma goes more than just skin deep when it comes to caring for her clients. She says, "When I meet a client, I ask her how her skin feels when she wakes up in the morning, depending on that, I carry out a skin care regime that I will customise for her to make sure her skin is well prepped and protected under the makeup." She adds, "One thing I love giving my clients is the icotherapy, the ice cubes tighten the pores and allow the makeup to look great and last really long."

"Given that the busiest season for weddings is winter, I apply strobe cream on my clients to give them a healthy glow," Nahila says. She adds that she also treats her clients to eye masks and soothing face masks before the makeup application, saying, "Brides are usually stressed out, and skin care is actually relaxing."

ABOUT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE EVENT

Outdoor and day time events are the trend now, especially for the holud. If your holud is mela-themed, make sure to get your beauty sleep prior to the day because that's the day you'll have the most fun.

