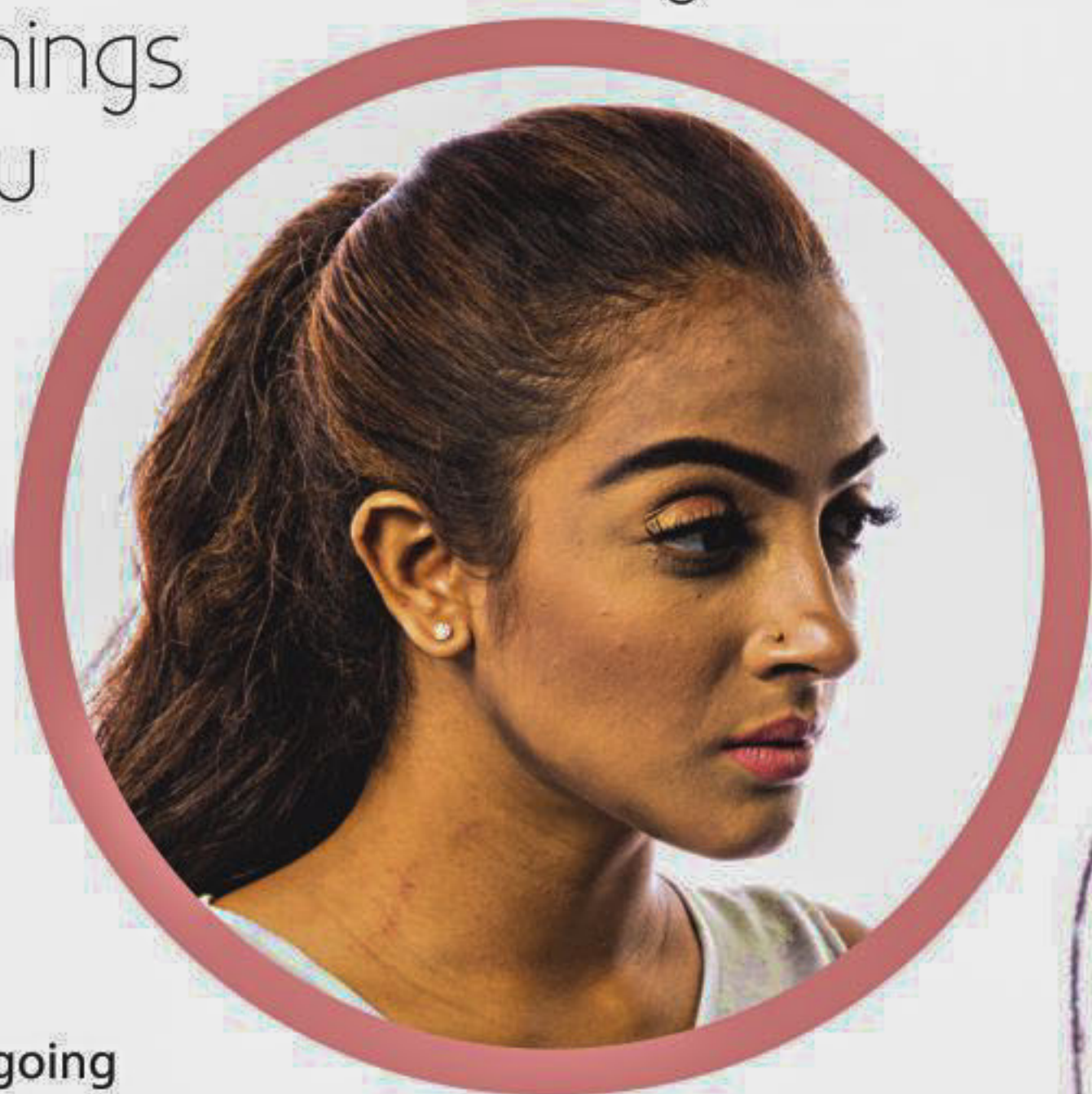


Blend it till you make it

Makeup of all sorts, colours, finishes, and textures have been in the talks for a very long time now. And it's about time we all learn a thing or two so that we can all look our best.

As a makeup enthusiast, I would say that makeup is a form of art, used by many to express themselves and their creativity. And as we all know, there are no rules for art. Paint to your heart's desire. Having said that, there are a few things you can do if you are looking to create something wearable or want to look put together for an event.



WHAT TO DO FIRST

Everyone has a different way of going about at things, some like to do their eyes first, while others do their base makeup first.

There are pros and cons to both ways. If you want to do your face/base makeup first, the problem you might have to face is the fall out of the eyeshadows on the tops of your cheekbone. If it is not dealt with in the proper way, you might end up having streaks of eyeshadow all over your face.

Now, you can easily just get rid of it by applying some loose powder under your eyes before starting with the shadows. And once you're done, just take a big fluffy brush and dust the powder off your face.

However, if you start with the eyes, I find it a bit difficult to apply foundations around my perfectly drawn eyebrows. In that case, just take a small concealer brush and make your way around the brows. I personally forget about that step and always end up having to go over and fix my eyebrow.

ALL ABOUT THE BASE:

Always remember that you will have a much easier time doing your makeup if you prep your skin at the very beginning. The very first step that you should take if you have large pores is to take a cube of ice and just run it around your t-zone. This will shrink the pores.

Next, you should moisturise your face. If you happen to have dry skin, you should use something more hydrating. Otherwise, you're going to see some serious flaking on your face. However, if you're on the oilier end of the spectrum, use a gel-based moisturiser, like the Neutrogena Hydro-boost or The Body Shop seaweed gel moisturiser. A primer is also advised if you want the makeup to last for a long time.

Pick a foundation that matches you, and by match, I mean it should be the same shade and should be of the same undertone. Many of us make the mistake of buying something a few shades lighter. Firstly, it's not going to match your body, and secondly, you're probably going to look post-apocalyptic with no warmth whatsoever.

For the application, you could use either a brush or a sponge. And if you're super extra like me, you're going to be using both.

