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# Party looks for New Year's Eve parties

Another year is coming to an end and the world awaits a fresh beginning. Even those who have dealt harsh cards will wish to celebrate the closing of the year that has made them suffer so much and look to the next one with renewed confidence and hope that it will treat everyone better than the last. Humans are nothing if not optimistic and what better way to display optimism than an all-out, raging party? Go you must and look good you shall, with the most trending makeup looks to wrap up 2021.

## The eye game is strong

The smoky eye has been around for a while and has no intentions of leaving the party anytime soon. With bold and unapologetic use of the eyeliner, the look is still as hot, still all the rage and still the top pick for any makeup lover, day or night. However, in an unexpected twist of events, what if the smokiness of the eye could be toned down a little to make way for some rose, gold or silver glitter, while keeping the drama intact?

The smudgy dark tones of the smoky eye married into glittery oomph for that perfect party glamour — it's a look that screams audacity and confidence. For extra theatrics, pair up the look with trendy, coloured contact lenses in shades of silver, or amethyst, some heavy mascara on faux lashes and smudged kohl lined lower lids.

**Eyebrows:** Laying in on thick

Razor thin eyebrows are all but out of fashion as more and more influencers, makeup aficionados and models embrace thicker brows. While there is growing interest in unibrows or completely natural brows, the look we vouch for is a nice, thick arch that is well groomed but not pencilled in too heavy. The idea is for it to look filled — not sparse, but not drawn either.

A good eyebrow pencil or powder can achieve the look easily — if you know where to stop.

## The face is a canvas

The eyes may hold all the allure but many

a makeup artiste has underestimated how important the face is, in order to pull off any look, and suffered grave consequences.

Face makeup is the unsung hero in any look and it takes special talent to pull off a good base and glow. While the past few years were all about harsh contouring and a whole lot of highlighter work, the end of the year has us all going for a more subdued, yet toned finish.

Neither cakey, nor greasy, the look we are leaning towards is a softer base in warm undertones that speaks of natural, youthful glow and a demure, dewy look.

The skin needs to look healthy and radiant, with some mastery in highlighting, but without having the need to carve out a new structure of the face altogether.

Embracing your features and being unapologetically yourself seems to be the underlying mantra of the look, and hopefully the year.

## Muted lips

The nude lip has been in vogue for a while now and works well on mostly all skin types. Contrary to popular belief, there is an entire colour palette dedicated to nude shades and no two colours have the same effect on the face. The idea is to look natural, and muted, while still making one heck of a makeup statement. If done right, there is no way that you will end up looking dull or with frosty lips. On the contrary, well blended, soft nude colours make your lips look supple and throw all the attention back to the eyes — exactly what we need, to look the new year in the eye.

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