

Makeup Tips and Tricks

1. What paints should I use? I DO NOT RECOMMEND USING FACE PAINT ON THE EYES. IT IS NOT SAFE SINCE YOU CAN SWEAT CAN MAKE IT BLEED INTO YOUR EYES. PLEASE LOOK AT THE SAFE FOR EYE SECTION. Mehron is my favorite brand for the price, but if you want the best quality, Ben Nye is a great option as well. These are the two most common stage makeup brands.

a. *Cream paints*: I tend to stay away from the Halloween cream paints you find at everyday stores. These products do not build well or last. These products are around the same price as a very popular stage makeup brand, Mehron. They have good cream products, but you HAVE to set them if you want them to last.

i. https://www.amazon.com/Mehron-Makeup-Fantasy-Cream-Essential/dp/B0BBSGPCF6/ref=sr_1_5?crid=3GZDHCQ67GMGX&keywords=mehron+CREAM+paint&qid=1678980753&s=beauty&sprefix=mehron+cream+paint%2Cbeauty%2C100&sr=1-5

ii. https://www.amazon.com/Mehron-Makeup-CreamBlend-Stick-75oz/dp/B00D13DGFY/ref=sr_1_25?crid=1KL9OQ3P9O124&keywords=grease+paint&qid=1678980120&s=beauty&sprefix=grease+paint+%2Cbeauty%2C96&sr=1-25

b. *Alcohol activated paint*: Can be sheared out for a wash of color. These are great for detail work. These are great for outdoors and for hot weather. They are more expensive, and you need to buy an activator, but it will give a more realistic look to detailed work. There are great brands out there that I will link below.

i. <https://www.skinillustrator.com/product/vfs-fx-palette/>

ii. <https://www.skinillustrator.com/product/fx-on-set-palette/>

c. *Grease paint*: This is great for full coverage. Setting is recommended but does not last as long and sweat will make it run. It will transfer no matter what you do.

i. <https://www.amazon.com/Mehron-Makeup-Foundation-Grease-paint-ounce/dp/B008OUYLQ2>

- d. *Water activated paint*: Great for the cost. These paints are full coverage, no special activator, and last well when set with powder. These are my overall favorite for the cost. You can sweat them off so if you sweat a lot, I would recommend the alcohol activated. There are plenty of water activated paint palettes that you can use, Mehron has one of my favorites.
- i. https://www.amazon.com/Mehron-Makeup-Paradise-Paint-Palette/dp/B00FGAET6A/ref=sr_1_9?crid=3M44CQEACKW2P&keywords=mehron+water+activated+paint&qid=1678980047&s=beauty&srefix=mehron+water+a%2Cbeauty%2C86&sr=1-9
 1. This is my recommendation. It is \$30 and you get most of the colors you would need for a lot of the races.
 - ii. https://www.amazon.com/Mehron-Makeup-Paradise-Paint-Beach/dp/B00KIICOMO/ref=sr_1_5?crid=3M44CQEACKW2P&keywords=mehron+water+activated+paint&qid=1678980047&s=beauty&srefix=mehron+water+a%2Cbeauty%2C86&sr=1-5
- e. *Liquid paints*: Mehron is my favorite liquid paint. I love this paint for a full coverage look. This paint is VERY drying. It is recommended to have good skin prep, which will be talked about below.
- i. https://www.amazon.com/Mehron-Makeup-Liquid-Paint-ounce/dp/B008RZ8LEM/ref=sr_1_34?crid=1157GIM2Y9VXH&keywords=mehron+alcohol+activated+paint&qid=1678980226&s=beauty&srefix=mehron+alcohol+%2Cbeauty%2C94&sr=1-34
- f. *Metallic paints*: These are the hardest to get to a good coverage. I recommend using the Mehron paradise paint (water activated) with their pigment and mixing agent. The paradise paint is recommended because it is always good to have a base to support it.
- i. Mixing: <https://www.mehron.com/mixing-liquid/>
 - ii. <https://www.mehron.com/metallic-powder-with-mixing-liquid/>
- g. *Barrier Spray*: It is always good to have one. Makeup setting spray or this is my favorite.
- i. <https://www.mehron.com/barrier-spray/>
 - ii. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00B4YVU4G?tag=byrdie-on-site-prod-20&linkCode=ogi&th=1&psc=1&ascsubtag=4594042%7Cn443aa4f8730b41a084f8eadf10ae367f15%7CB00B4YVU4G>

- iii. https://www.ulta.com/p/de-slick-oil-control-makeup-setting-spray-xlsImpprod15371017?sku=2503492&nrtv_cid=075e542bddddd585953a6233a1b79588244b648fe21936debfa068b6837ae206&utm_source=narrativ&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=narrativ_premium_editorial&utm_content=byrdie&nrtv_as_src=1

h. *Powders:*

- i. <https://www.amazon.com/Airspun-Loose-Powder-Translucent/dp/B0BDW1MN6Y?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref=fplfs&psc=1&smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER>
- ii. https://www.amazon.com/Dermablend-Setting-Powder-Original-Travel/dp/B07C1SZ37K/ref=sr_1_8?crid=38YSW7UK24F8&keywords=setting+powder&qid=1678983356&s=beauty&sprefix=setting+powder%2Cbeauty%2C94&sr=1-8
- iii. https://www.amazon.com/NYX-PROFESSIONAL-MAKEUP-Definition-Translucent/dp/B014WOHZES/ref=sr_1_30?crid=38YSW7UK24F8&keywords=setting+powder&qid=1678983385&s=beauty&sprefix=setting+powder%2Cbeauty%2C94&sr=1-30
- iv. https://www.amazon.com/RCMA-Powder-Shaker-Bottle-Authentic/dp/B01E1WYSN2/ref=sr_1_49?crid=38YSW7UK24F8&keywords=setting+powder&qid=1678983385&s=beauty&sprefix=setting+powder%2Cbeauty%2C94&sr=1-49

2. Brushes: Very important to a solid makeup application. If you have crappy brushes, it can hold you back. Good doesn't mean expensive. Here are some of my favorite brushes. Linked below will be a video explaining what different brushes are used for. Please reach out if you have any questions about brushes you need.

- a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnyV0pscbt8>
- b. My favorite is to go to TJ MAXX and look for real techniques brushes, BH cosmetics, or Elf brushes on sale. Here are some of my favorite brush sets.
 - i. <https://www.ulta.com/p/flawless-face-6-piece-brush-collection-pimprod2003077?sku=2538871>

- ii. <https://www.ulta.com/p/everyday-eye-essentials-makeup-brush-set-pimprod2018272?sku=2568541>
- iii. <https://www.ulta.com/p/smoky-eye-brush-kit-pimprod2020777?sku=2574632>
- iv. <https://www.ulta.com/p/eye-stunners-6-piece-brush-collection-bag-pimprod2012998?sku=2560678>
- v. <https://www.ulta.com/p/morphe-x-abby-roberts-5-piece-artists-detail-brush-mixing-palette-set-pimprod2036200?sku=2602376&dcEvent=true>
- vi. <https://www.ulta.com/p/face-beat-5-piece-face-brush-collection-bag-pimprod2022847?sku=2566042>

3. Eye Makeup: There are plenty of brands that are great! I will just list a couple of my favorites for each category.

- a. *Eye Primer:* A good primer is needed if you want it to last without creasing or rubbing off as easily. It also helps with potential staining. This is normal and happens with bright shadows, the primer adds a barrier to help prevent this.
 - i. <https://www.ulta.com/p/party-proof-long-wearing-eye-primer-pimprod2030955?sku=2592766&dcEvent=true>
 - ii. My Favorite: <https://www.ulta.com/p/pro-filtr-amplifying-eye-primer-pimprod2031452?sku=2592318>
 - iii. <https://www.ulta.com/p/long-lasting-glitter-primer-xlsImpprod13461011?sku=2297561&sku=2297561>
- b. *Eye Shadow:* A good quality eyeshadow is what you need for a great blend and color pay off. There are some cheaper brands which I will list below. If you want a sunken look around the eyes or even face, I recommend eyeshadow over face paint!
 - i. Juvia's Place: Any of the warrior palettes are great. The brand is the most pigmented bright shadows I have used.
 - 1. <https://www.ulta.com/p/warrior-iii-eyeshadow-palette-pimprod2004510?sku=2536097>
 - 2. <https://www.ulta.com/p/warrior-ii-eyeshadow-palette-pimprod2004511?sku=2536088>
 - ii. BH Cosmetics:

1. <https://www.bhcosmetics.com/take-me-back-to-brazil-35-color-pressed-pigment-palette/13872925.html>
 2. <https://www.bhcosmetics.com/visions-10-color-shadow-palette/13873068.html>
- c. *Eyeliner*: Please be advised that you can be allergic to some eyeliners. If it burns the whole time you wear it, not if you accidentally get it in your eye, please return it and buy a new one. Ulta and Sephora take returns on used products.
- i. Felt tip: My favorite for details or winged liner! Very beginner friendly.
 1. <https://www.ulta.com/p/epic-ink-vegan-waterproof-liquid-eyeliner-xlsImpprod15361071?sku=2532003&sku=2532003>
 2. <https://www.ulta.com/p/bff-ultra-fine-liquid-liner-pimprod2009525?sku=2549996>
 - ii. Liquid: Less beginner friendly but stays on well.
 1. <https://www.ulta.com/p/liquid-liner-pimprod2008980?sku=2551413&dcEvent=true>
 - iii. Pot liner: My favorite for longevity. Tons of colors!
 1. <https://www.ulta.com/p/super-pomade-vegan-eyeliner-shadow-brow-pigment-pimprod2018109?sku=2570780>
 2. <https://hologravocosmetics.com/products/obituary-funeral-proof-liner>
 3. <https://inglotusa.com/eyeliners/99-amc-eyeliner-gel>
 - iv. Pencil: This is best for tight lining and smudged looks.
 1. <https://www.ulta.com/p/slide-on-lip-pencil-waterproof-lip-liner-xlsImpprod13051017?sku=2292929>
- d. *Mascara*: This is an added step that I recommend finishing off a look. Any mascara can do!
- e. *Lashes*: This is recommended if you want to have a more feminine eye shape. Any lashes can do! You can message me for preferences if you would want to wear them!
4. **Lips**: Liquid lipsticks are best for larpers! They do not wear off easy and you can eat and drink with them. Here are some of my favorites!

- a. <https://www.ulta.com/p/liquid-lipstick-xlsImpprod13811011?sku=2300402>
- b. <https://www.ulta.com/p/everlasting-hyperlight-vegan-transfer-proof-liquid-lipstick-pimprod2034060?sku=2599011>
- c. https://www.ulta.com/p/megalast-liquid-catsuit-matte-lipstick-xlsImpprod16731049?sku=2518221&nrtv_cid=733161b2b07d69b46319d499ca24b4c815c27a4f2bc21f58a13d04781816bee6&utm_source=narrative&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=narrative_premium_editorial&utm_content=allure&nrtv_as_src=1

5. Skin Prep: It is the most important step to good, long-lasting makeup. A good cleanser and moisturizer will be enough to get hydrated skin that is ready for makeup. Even if you have oily skin, please get a moisturizer that is for your skin type. It helps even out your skin and get rid of dry patches. Everyone has them, and makeup will make sure you know they are there!

6. Removal: My favorite is using a cleanser that is used for taking off makeup. Makeup wipes CAN be used to quickly take off makeup but will not clean your skin of it. A micellar water is also good as a first step to taking off makeup after a long event. Here are my favorite cleansers for makeup removal.

- a. <https://www.ulta.com/p/purity-made-simple-one-step-facial-cleanser-pimprod2017770?sku=2583945>
- b. <https://www.ulta.com/p/makeup-removing-cleansing-balm-pimprod2033425>
- c. <https://www.ulta.com/p/hydrating-cream-foam-face-wash-with-hyaluronic-normal-dry-skin-pimprod2018254?sku=2570170>

Helpful Videos

1. <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkU-aWsyGgBU6pSW84tlTexZNqG8x6gWJ>
2. <https://youtu.be/4Wgokk2ktyU>
3. <https://youtu.be/k2p80qaiUE4>
4. <https://youtu.be/hhvVxou3HpQ>
5. <https://youtu.be/xg-UXMjEzd8>
6. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_hE3Omdp5eg
7. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFk-wIIFzOk>
8. https://youtu.be/plSp_CS3B-k
9. <https://youtu.be/bjOykNLKHLm>