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## Making the most of your bridal makeup

fter you've invested so much to make your wedding day unfor-gettable, the last thing you want is a makeup mishap!

To avoid any potential of a makeup disaster, treat yourself to a consultation. Many salons offer makeup consultations and even lessons for a nominal fee.

There are even places like The Body Shop that offer a makeover service and lessons completely free of charge. Best of all, the makeup specialist will actually listen to your needs and give you what you want. You won't have to worry about leaving the shop looking like a victim of the latest fad or like Tammy-Faye's twin sister!

The following list of makeup tricks was created by The Colourings makeup specialists at The Body Shop to ensure that you are a vision of loveliness on your special day!

tart with a clean, moisturized face. Go for the natural look. Many people mistake the term 'natural look' for no makeup at all, but it actually means that you wear basic shades of makeup that maximally enhance your best features.

The secret to natural-looking makeup is wearing a foundation and concealer that exactly matches your skin. Always test a shade on your forehead or jawline and not on the back of your hand. If you can't see it, then you've got the right one. Make sure that your makeup is blended into your neck so that there is no line of demarcation. If one appears, smooth it out with a sponge, then buff.

After applying foundation and concealer, use a cotton puff to touch translucent powder all over the face to set the foundation and to absorb excess oils.

Teep the eyes looking "natural." Start off with the brows: Use a bit of Colourings Eyebrow Makeup to fill in wherever the hair growth is sparse. Never reshape a brow with color or you might end up looking really artificial.

Apply a light shade of eyeshadow on the area between your brows and your upper lashes, then apply a darker shade

along the upper lash line to enlarge and emphasize the eye shape. Try The Body Shop's waterproof Colourings Continual Eye Color: It strokes on like a cream and dries into a fine powder that lasts all day long and even through the tears.

For added definition, apply a smudge of brown/black eye liner between the lower lashes. Finish off with two coats of

black/brown mascara.

Then blush is properly applied, you barely notice it, yet it www. makes your eyes brighter and your whole face come alive. Using a good brush is the key to a picture-perfect application. Once you've used a good brush, you'll never want to be without it. The ideal brush is round, so its sides can be used to blend the blush. Choosing the right color is the most important. For most skin tones, nutmeg and rose shades are great, so if you can't decide, choose one of these.

Tow that you selected the right brush and shade, the only concern is to get it on the right part of your face. Apply your blusher to your brush, (if you've put too much, swish it through a bit of translucent powder) put the brush right on the center of your cheek, then lightly stroke outward toward the center of the ear, covering the entire cheekbone area. Take a look in the mirror: if your attention goes straight to your cheeks, you have too much on. Your eyes should always be the focus. A little translucent powder can correct this prob-

s your wedding day approaches, you may feel overwhelmed since you will be dealing with so many decisions. After all, you'll be the star at your own wedding and, like all stars, you should definitely look the part. After you receive a little help, you'll be surprised to find that choosing makeup for your wedding is not too stressful.

The goal is not to create a new you, but simply to find a look that is unmistakably you! In addition to bridal consultations, Colourings offers a complete line of cosmetics that can meet all your makeup needs.



