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BEST OF BEAUTY

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MASCARAS,
POWDERS,
SERUMS,
SHAMPOOS,
AND MORE

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Opposite page: And the award for Best Way to Make Your Makeup Look Airbrushed in Seconds goes to the Beautyblender Original (for the fourth year running).



MAKEUP BRUSHES

FOUNDATION. The densely packed hairs of the **Shiseido Daiya Fude Face Duo** seamlessly blend liquid, powder, and cream foundations; the squishy, gel-like nub on the other side stipples to perfection.

CONCEALER. For under-eyes, **Sephora Collection Pro Airbrush Detail Brush #57** blurs fine lines and shadows. Any brush can conceal the top of a blemish, but the curved edge of **Lancôme Camouflage Brush #8** reaches all around its base.

POWDER. When a brush deposits too much powder, streaks happen. **Kat Von D Beauty Lock-It Setting Powder Brush #20** has long, feathery bristles that breeze over the face to prevent pileups.

BLUSH. The soft slant of **IT Cosmetics Heavenly Luxe French Boutique Blush Brush #4** is ideal for swirling pigment over apples and along cheekbones.

BRONZER. With its airy tips, the **BareMinerals Supreme Finisher Brush** picks up just the right amount of pigment and spreads it beautifully across the face and chest.

CONTOURING. The rounded bristles of **EcoTools The Wonder Color Finish Brush** glide over curves and enhance every angle.

HIGHLIGHTER. Plush and pliant, the **Sigma Beauty FO3 High Cheekbone Highlighter Brush** diffuses pearly pigments on the high points of the face.

EYE SHADOW. The **M.A.C. 242 Synthetic Shader Brush** covers lids in shadow for one-step evening eyes. The longer, more tapered tip of the **Moda Metallics Crease** brush fits into creases for intense definition.

BROWS. **Anastasia Beverly Hills Duo Brush #12** is the archenemy of unruly brows. The tiny, slanted nib targets sparse areas, while the spoolie at the other end keeps hairs in place.

LIPS. The **Sonia Kashuk 2-in-1 Retractable Lip Makeup Brush** spreads color for a luscious finish; the slim point on the other side sharpens peaks and softens edges.



MAKEUP SPONGE

The egg-shaped **Beautyblender Original** has a pointy tip for hitting tiny targets and a round base for all-over buffing.

TWEEZERS

The precise steel tip of the **Tweezerman Slant Tweezer** separates strays from the rest of the eyebrow pack; it grabs unwanted hairs, not unintended extras.

EYELASH CURLER

The **Shiseido Lash Curler** snuggles *thisclose* to the lash line to produce a full-figured curve—without the slightest pinch (and we tested it on every eye shape).

LASHES

We have found all you need for false-lash perfection—truly. The wispy tips and different hair lengths of **Kiss Blowout Lash in Pixie** mimic the pattern of natural lashes (or the priciest extensions). The small, angled grippers on the **Tweezerman Lash Assist False Lash Applicator** let you position the strips (or flares) directly on top of the lash line, and **House of Lashes Eyelash Adhesive** holds those fakes in place longer than any of its peers. Available in both black and clear, the latex-free formula goes easy on sensitive eyes.

HOT TOOLS

BLOW-DRYER. The **T3 Cura Luxe** will relieve you of \$250. It will also relieve you of frizz, flatness, and labor-intensive blowouts, thanks to the ion setting and digitally controlled heat.

FLATIRON. The **GHD Platinum+ Styler** is one clever gadget. A sensor that runs the length of each plate guarantees consistent heat—and consistently sleek results—from root to tip.

CURLING IRON. The **Hot Tools Professional CurlBar** is positioned at a right angle (literally, at 90 degrees), so even the chronically uncoordinated can produce flawless waves. For the more accomplished curler, there's the **Sultra The Bombshell 1.5 Inch Clipless Curling Rod**. The sleek barrel emits ions and distributes even heat for the glossiest spirals and bends.

HAIRBRUSHES

ROUND. The bristles on the **WetBrush EPIC Professional Helix Graphite Round Brush** form a helix pattern to encourage smoothness and volume. And we have the extra bounce in our blowout to prove it.

PADDLE. The boar and nylon bristles in the **Harry Josh Pro Tools Premium Oval Brush** impart body and boost shine; the powdery green color turns brushing into our new favorite ritual.

DETANGLER. The **Tangle Teezer Ultimate Detangler** has all the bendy, flexible bristles of the original packed into a paddle shape. It glides through wet hair without a snag or a snap.

SKIN-CARE DEVICE

The precise electric edge of the **Dermaflash 2.0 Luxe Facial Exfoliation & Peach Fuzz Removal** gadget skims the face, eliminating flakes, dullness, and unwanted hair. After one use, our skin positively glowed—and our makeup practically applied itself.

