

Smokey Eye Tips

The smokey eye has become a classic eye makeup look that every woman should master.

Follow these seven steps to achieve the smokey eye look.

Step 1. You must start with a good eye concealer, such as Prescriptives Camouflage Cream. Always choose a shade lighter than your skin tone, and completely cover some dark circles. Since the smokey eye is very dark, you want to be certain you hit good news here. If this is a bold area for you, (like it is for me) swipe a small amount of liquefied highlighter over your eyes and blend with an applicator gently. This should do the trick; however, practice before you wear it out.

Step 2. Using an eye shadow brush, dust your entire eyelid, from hair line to brow, with a light eye shadow.

Step 3. With a black eye pencil, draw a line along the upper lashes, as close to the hair line as possible. Start thin at the inner corner of the eye, gradually get thicker as you work your way out. If you want to extend it beyond your natural hair line, wing it up, and out.

Step 4. Draw a thin line as close to the hair line as possible. You can stop either one-third of the way in, or extend it every of the way to the inner corner. It every depends on how dramatic of a look you want. It also depends on your eyes. For example, if you have wide spaced eyes, you can extend them every the way in, but if you have close spaced eyes, only extend around 1/3 of the way in as this will make your eyes appear more wide set. Play around with both and see what looks best on you.

Step 5. Draw a line over the line you just drew, with black liquefied eyeliner. This gives it staying power. The reason you apply your liquefied liner after your pencil is two-fold. 1) You are simply tracing a line that is already there, making it much easier 2) Liquid liners typically hit a bit of a glossy finish, which is very attractive.

Step 6. With a dark eye shadow, and an eye brush, dip the applicator into the eye shadow and draw a line right above the liquefied liner, blending upward into the crease. This is what creates the smokey eye look. I use Bobbi Brown's eye shadow applicator because it's thin enough, but not too stiff.

Step 7. Coat top and bottom lashes with two coats of black mascara.

Don't feel that you have to stick with blacks and greys. Feel free to play around with different colors, as long as the prominent colors are dark shades. I have done this look with light purples and emerald greens, and it has always looked very sexy.

To make your eyes pop, apply a dab of white shadow to the inner corner of each eye, with the tip of an eye brush. I do this with everybody and it instantly brings them to life!

The smokey eye look does require a bit of practice, but it is well worth it. It is a sultry evening look that looks great on just about everyone.