

Holiday makeup: 8 Beauty Panel tips on getting party-ready in a flash

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Ah, the holidays! Forget last minute shopping scrambles—the real frenzy comes when your all-business daytime face needs to transform into a head-turning party look in the blink of an eye. With very little time to prepare it's imperative you have some expert advice on the makeup products and beauty tools you'll need to be party-ready in a jiffy.

Ideally we'd all have a fairy godmother to wave her wand and make us instantly holiday-stunning, but realistically a well-edited beauty bag will do the trick. First of all, aim for a night look that builds upon your daytime face with the addition of just a few key products: A swipe of your favourite sultry crimson lipstick, a smear of warm, smoky eyeshadows or a hit of bright blush will you have knocking it out of the beauty park. So empty your filled-to-the-brim makeup bag and read on for some essential holiday beauty tips from the Beauty Panel.

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Some tips for transitioning from the office or daytime look to your holiday party look: I like to pick one feature and play it up. So eyes, cheeks or lips — take your pick!

For my example, I chose to play up the eyes. I doubled up on the mascara and also applied it to the bottom lashes. I added black eyeshadow (and a touch of gun metal glitter) to the top and bottom of my eyelids and also a silver highlight in the inner corners of my eyes so that they really pop! A touch more bronzer for contour and I kept the lips the same. I chose to use a long-wearing foundation to avoid too much touchup for the evening.

Products used day: Miyu De-Stress Mi Beauty Essence in "No. 2," Kellett SPF 30 Face Sunscreen Lotion, Laura Mercier Foundation Primer, Estee Lauder Double Wear Foundation in "1N1," Korres Quercetin & Oak Anti-Ageing Eye Primer, Bobbi Brown Eyeshadow in "Taupe," Sothys Graphic Kohl Liner in "Noir Profond," Marcelle Xtension Plus Mascara in "Black," E.l.f. Eyebrow Kit in "Medium" and Hypershine Gloss in "Bubblegum" and Lise Watier Aquarella Bronzing Powder Duo.

Products used night: Boxx Cosmetics Eyeshadow in "Maui" and Make Up For Ever Glitter in "#15 Midnight Glow" and Aqua Cream in "#3 Silver"