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## Complete makeup brush guide

In the beauty universe, you know you've reached adulthood after accumulating a whole collection of makeup brushes (you know how to use each brush correctly). But we all don't have a personal makeup brush guide to whip every time we prepare, so if you still apply powder eye shadow with your fingers, we get it. Between the rotation of foundation brush options and the different bingo types, it can be hard to know where to start when narrowing down your list of essential makeup brushes. In other words, just like anything related to art, having a good set of tools in your arsenal is a must, and according to New York-based makeup artist Christine Cruz, you can use the wrong brush to throw out the entire look entirely. Makeup brushes are specially designed for specific areas of the face. Therefore, if you choose a shape that is too large or incorrect, the product will not be placed where you want it or applied naturally. We patted Cruz and another pro to learn about the different types of makeup brushes and what they deserve to learn from the collection. Meet expert Helen Phillips Is a country artist in the Sephora collection and headquartered in Los Angeles. Christine Cruz is a hair and makeup artist based in New York City, New York. Check out the full guide to the most popular makeup brushes earlier. Jiaqi Zhou / Byrdie Mac Synthetic Large Powder Brush \$42 The powder brush you choose depends on the type of powder you actually use (powder-to-powder foundation settings). Phillips says that if you use a setting powder that you don't want to get coverage with, you'll be able to use a soft, fluffy brush. This prevents too much powder from being applied, causing gray or white casting and can look too matte. Depending on the size, applying blush or bronzer with this type of brush can also help you get away with it. If you're looking for fuller coverage, Phillips says look for brushes with dense bings. Use a fluff brush for lighter coverage. Sephora Collection Pro Powder Brush #50 \$34 Shop A Blush Brush is smaller than a powder brush and features a dome shape with long, very soft bings. The specific blush brush you choose, however, depends on how you apply it (from apple to apple along cheekbones) with the desired effect (light wash versus high range of colors). Phillips loves brushes that are larger than you can normally reach if you want to wash them - sephora collection. It's cosmetic heaven luxe you piece! The \$35 \$26 shop contouring brush #18 contouring and highlight brushing can feel intimidating (like contouring), but with the right brush you can make all the difference in blending. Philips has a It's bigger than a face brush, but it's bigger than an eye brush and you can see it enjoying it comfortably while playing with the ends of your bristles. For more concentrated applications, you can add products with minimal fallout, so choose an anedylsed contour brush with soft, dense bing-hair. Note: The brush should fit well under the cheekbones and almost contour. For perfect contouring, Philips recommends starting from the traces of the ears and gently sweeping the edges of the lips (which is where the lines should be). Then push it on the cheek and find the most empty spot (where it should appear deepest in tone) to mix, mix, mix, mix! Unlike the M527 \$18 contour brush, bronzer brushes are used for areas where you want to add all-over dimensions along the sides of the forehead, cheekbones, and jawlines. This place in Morphe is a winner, with bases pinched on both sides and bipeds very feathered, carving their faces like a breeze. E.I.I. Cosmetic Face Gabuki Brush \$6 All brush trends that have come and gone are brushes that have remained unchanged due to their versatility. The gabuki brush has a flat top and a very soft, densely packed bristles that also work well with powder, bronzer and plain all-blending. Phillips touts the buffing power of gabuki brushes, a technique that can provide natural air-polished coverage. Bobby Brown Foundation Brush \$49 for an ankle, flat and shop between steep brushes, and you have options when it comes to the tools you use to apply your foundation. Bobbi Brown's flat foundation brushes are classic for applying liquid or cream formulas, but if you're looking for something that provides more coverage, look for dense brushes with synthetic bings. Smashbox Steep Foundation Brush \$38 Shop A Steep Brush is a dream for breakout-prone people, and while the soft texture doesn't irritate the skin, it works smoothly on all textures to get maximum coverage. Il Makiage Duo-Fibre Multitasking Brush #112 \$47 Shop Duo Fiber Brush is every multitasker's dream. It enhances foundation and can also be used to apply airbrush finish, blending cream blush, bronzer, and gently diffuse highlight face powder around the face. This bristle set from Il Makiage features two strategically placed sets of bristles, create blurry effects and buildable coverage. Beauty Blender Original \$20 Shop We Know. This is not technically a brush, but you will be dissatisfied with you by not raving about the beauty of the sponge. For one, it's like a dream to apply foundation, especially if skin is skewed to the parting. If dry skin has a lot of texture, it is better not to press the wet sponge to press the foundation on the skin and wipe off any additional texture. Philips. (P.S.: Along with the rest of the brush, don't forget to take a good bath a few times a week to avoid bacteria-related acne.) Sigma Beauty F42 Strobing Fan Brush \$18 Shop Fan Brush isn't just fun to watch, it actually serves two main purposes in your makeup routine: applying gorgeous highlights and cleaning up powder makeup mistakes. The pan brush has an ultra-light bristle that has been perfectly transformed with a delicate application of powder highlighter at the cheekbones and tip of the nose. It can also shake off excess powder fallout from eye shadow. Clove + Halloween Precision Buffer Brush \$22 This useful little brush can apply the product precisely to areas of the face that larger brushes can't get (think: under the eyes, on both sides of the nose, or over blemishes). Since concealers are usually available in cream or liquid form, Phillips says they use synthetic brushes. This means that if you have a liquid concealer that doesn't place under your eyes, try a natural hairbrush. Urban Decay Eyeshadow Brush \$24 Flat Shader Brush is definitely the one you'd like to have in your collection - synthetic bingers imitating natural hair are the way to go for an application even on the lid. This type of brush is suitable for packing into your favorite shimmer shades or creating halo eyes. We are huge fans of this at Urban Decay - medium size fits all eye shapes and you can pick up the perfect amount of products for your application. Patrick Ta Eyeshadow Brush \$22 If you're wondering what it takes to get an Instagram-worthy mix to your eyeshadow, look at the wrinkle brush. The shape of a pleated brush can also work well for a particular style, whether it's cut wrinkles or soft definitions, Phillips says. Tarte Echi & Sketch two-end bamboo liner brush \$15 \$10 There are quite a few types of shop eyeliner brushes (stains, flat brushes, anedned brushes), but slim, ultra-delicate brushes like this one are handy for creating thin and precise lines. The curved sides of this dual-end tool are ergonomically designed, especially for winged liners, and straight sides are best suited for precise work and sharp lines. Mac 219S Synthetic Pencil Brush \$27 Shop Pencil Brushes are like forgotten kids of makeup brushes - they're underrated but you love them but it can't help. It can be used to pop highlighters in the inner corners of the eye, smoke lower lash lines with shadows, add definition along the edges of the eye, or buff pencil liners. Phillips also says you can use this tool to get crazy good cut wrinkles. Benefits Of Anedned Eyebrow Brushes & Spooly \$20 Shop Anejin Eyebrow Brush is very convenient for all kinds of applications. Products such as pomades, powders and waxes. Spoolies are essential for grooming brows and ensuring a refined finish. As an added bonus, it can also be used to create cut creases. Yueton Pack 100 Disposable Eyelash Brush for \$7 you may think is not used for the same tool, but you'd like to decide which one you have in hand next time your mascara lumps on you. Mascara wands not only help to separate and define eyelashes, but can also be used to scrape off accidental mascara stains that can be obtained during application (after drying, of course). Estatee Lauder Lip Brush \$30 Shop Thin Lip Brushes are very useful for perfectly applying lip colors, especially when it comes to dark tones that require precision. Brushing straight from the tube can make it much more accurate to clean and fill your lips. You can also use lip brushes to create much more difficult colors that you can do by applying lipstick yourself. Directly.