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What's you asked



Charlize Theron

Q. What makeup does Charlize Theron wear?

Makeup pro Shane Paish of the Artists agency, who regularly works with Theron, first smooths Nars Balanced foundation in Fiji (\$38; 888-903-6277 for stores) over her entire face and pats Nars concealer in Custard (\$16.50) under the eyes, then dusts Shu Uemura Moisture pressed powder in Beige 6 (\$30; 800-743-8205) to set. For the eyelids he uses Chanel's translucent pink eye shadow over the entire lid (one color from Stellaires Quadra eye shadow palette, \$52.50; gloss.com). He curls lashes with Kevyn Aucoin's curler (\$18.50; kevyнауcoin.com) and adds individual lashes for extra im-



pact before applying Aucoin's mascara in Rich Pitch Black (\$25). "The focus is cheek color for a fresh glow," says Paish, who lightly brushes Yves Saint Laurent powder blush in Pink Bloom (\$38; at department stores) onto the apples of her cheeks. The finishing touches: Nars lip liner in Rosebud (\$16.50), Chanel Soleil Volage sheer lipstick (\$21.50) and Versace Wet Cream lip gloss 2006 (\$19; at versace.com).

Q. Can you recommend a good eye cream?

It's a beauty catch-22: The area around the eyes is one of the first places to show signs of aging, but it's also one of the hardest spots to treat since the skin there is so sensitive. "It's the thinnest skin on the whole body, so you need to find a cream that's fragrance-free and specially formulated for the eyes," says New York City dermatologist Debra Jaliman.

To combat dryness, Jaliman recommends her own highly emollient cream, Moisture Eye (\$25;



212-517-8855), which contains hyaluronic acid—a natural component of the dermis that binds water to the skin. To treat serious wrinkles, look for an eye cream formulated with retinol (try Neutrogena Healthy Skin eye cream, \$11 for 1.4 oz.; drugstores). If retinol makes the skin around your eyes sting, N.Y.C. dermatologist Patricia Wexler recommends using a cream that contains kinetin, a plant-growth substance that has been proved to reduce fine lines without causing irritation (try Almay Kinetin Firming and Brightening eye cream, \$16; drugstores). If you suffer merely from dark circles, try a product with mica or light-diffusing particles (such as Lancôme Absolu Eye, \$60 for .5 oz.; lancome.com). To apply any eye cream, gently pat (never pull or rub) a pea-size drop an eighth of an inch below the lower lash line.

Q. Is there a difference between expensive lip balms and drugstore brands?

"If you look at the labels of both drugstore and specialty brands, the primary ingredients [petrolatum and beeswax] are usually the same," says San Francisco dermatologist Seth Matarasso. The biggest distinction: packaging. High-end companies spend more money marketing their products—and it shows. But if budget is more important to you than aesthetics, stick with Vaseline (\$1.49; at drugstores). Makeup artists also swear by



Smith's Rosebud salve (\$5; at Ricky's, 212-226-5552). Not only does it feel like silk going on, but it also comes in a chic, retro tin.