



Look & feel great in 5 minutes or less with these insider tricks.

EYE style

Keep it natural

As the old saying goes, eyes are a window on the soul and choosing the look that best suits your face and occasion doesn't have to be difficult. With a little clever makeup and the right products, your eyes will look whiter, brighter and totally natural while dark circles or shadows will instantly disappear. Keen to embrace the natural look? Makeup artist Amanda La Monica, voted best makeup artist in New South Wales by the Australian Bridal Industry Academy in 2009, has these easy tips.

1 "Always apply concealer to the eye first. This creates a base for the eye shadow powder to stick to." Try **Rimmel Recover Concealer, \$10.50**.

2 "Use a soft brush to apply brown shadow to the outer corners of the

eye, ensuring you blend well so the look is not too defined." Golden and brown shades, like **Prestige Cosmetics Duo Eye Shadow in Cinnamon Stick, \$15.95**, suit all hair and eye colours.

3 Next, "Bring the brown shadow underneath the eye, applying to the outer half only." Do this with a quality brush such as **Cosmetica Double Ended Eyeshadow Brush, \$17.95 (1)**.

4 "Lastly, apply gold shimmer to the inside half of the lid, blending well so the colours merge." Using a lighter colour on the inside of the eye instantly brightens and opens up small eyes. Try these great golds: **Bare Escentuals Glimmers True Gold, \$44 (6)**, **L'Oréal Paris Color Appeal Mono Eye Shadow in Golden Shimmer, \$18.45 (3)** & **Revlon Luxurious Color Eyeshadow, \$19.95 (2)**. Finish with a coat of brown or clear mascara.

Dark & smoky

Perfect for a cocktail party or evening event, the classic smoky eye can be a dazzling finish to your look. Hair and makeup expert, Gavin Morris, offers his best advice on how to master it.

1 Prime the skin from the lash line to the eyebrow with a primer for the best and longest lasting results. Try **BeneFit Stay Don't Stray, \$45**.

2 "Apply a nude or skin tone eye shadow over your entire lid up to your brow, then heavily line the upper and lower lash line with black eye pencil." Try **Almay Bright Eyes Cream to Powder Eye Shadow in Nude, \$19.95 (7)**, or the affordable **Australis Eye Pencil in Black, \$8.95 (5)**.

3 Next, press some smoky grey or black shadow over the lid and blend into the socket to avoid sharp



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No matter what look you're going for, always finish off with mascara. Apply two coats top & bottom to both lids.

lines. Then, lightly line your entire rim with a soft black eye pencil. Try **Maybelline New York EyeStudio Mono in Smoky Black**, \$12.95 (9) or **Make Up Store Microshadow in Shimmery Bell**, \$34 (8).

4 To make eyes stand out, use an illuminator along the brow bone, such as **All About Glo Liquid Illuminator in Luminous Glow**, \$19.95 (4), focusing on your high arch area.

The new brights

If you've been wearing the same shadow for years, embracing brights is a fast way out of the rut. La Monica uses charcoal, pink and gold to create a vibrant but totally wearable eye. Here's how to do it yourself at home.

1 "Start by using a soft eye shadow brush to apply a charcoal shade to

the outer half of the lid, bringing the colour up and above the lid crease."

2 "Next apply some pink shimmer by dabbing it through the inner section of the lid. We're going for colour and sparkle with this look." Try **BYS Shimmer Powder in Pink Rose**, \$4.95 (10), and **Face of Australia Eye Shadow in Lolite**, \$8.95 (11).

3 Applying liner closely under the lashes defines the eyes and opens them up. Small eyes? Don't line all the way across as it will make them look smaller. For large eyes, eyeliner looks better on the inside rim of the eye.

4 To finish, La Monica recommends a dab of gold highlighter, such as **La Glam Glitterbug Highlighter**, \$35 (12), on the brow bone. "Start underneath the arch and work down to the end. This catches the light and helps instantly brighten the eye."

All about drama

Spark some attention with a powerful and dramatic eye, a divine look for a party, special occasion or a hot date.

1 Press a shimmer dust, such as **Bourjois Shimmering Loose Powder Eyeshadow in Gris Pixel 26**, \$22 (17), onto the lid and blend.

2 Still using shimmer powder, dust along the brow bone, focusing on the highest part of your arch.

3 Using black eyeliner, line the upper lash line extending past the outer corner of your eye. Try **Revlon ColorStay Liquid Eyeliner in Black**, \$25.95 (13), **Napoleon Perdis Ultra Pearl**, \$25 (14), or **Almay Bright Eyes Liner/Highlighter Duo**, \$19.95 (16).

4 Finish with a few fake lashes applied to top lids. Try **Eylure Miss Eylure Lashlets**, \$9.99 (15). www.eylure.com