

BUILDING YOUR MAKEUP KIT FOR STAGE, SPECIAL EFFECTS & FANTASY



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ESSENTIALS NEEDED TO START BUILDING YOUR STAGE MAKEUP KIT

The top brands you will want to look for are **Ben Nye**, **Mehron**, **Kryolan** and **Graftobian**. I use a lot of Ben Nye, that's personal preference; you will find your favorites by experimenting.

Foundation - in colors that include both warm and cool skin tones in either

- CRÈME FOUNDATIONS WHICH COME IN A POT OR PALETTE
- PANCAKE STICKS
- CAKE FOUNDATION WHICH IS WATER ACTIVATED AND BEST FOR OILY/SENSITIVE SKIN

These types of foundation are used over liquid, foam or powder foundation because they are thicker and deliver the most coverage, which is important under stage lighting.

Foundation is used to even or adjust skin tone, add highlight/contour or definition to the face,

Concealer/corrector - crème based, usually comes in a pot, palette or stick

Is used to conceal blemishes, scars, and birthmarks as well as to add highlight to facial features

Blush/Rouge - crème based rouge and cheek stain work best for stage although I sometimes use a powder blush over top to set the cheek color. Choose a few colors that range from peach to pink to a warm bronze tone for contours

Eye shadow palette - A wide range of colors is not needed but be sure to include the primary colors yellow red blue, white and black from there you can mix and make any color you need

Eyeliners - black, brown, gray, white, plum

Mascara - black

Grease pencils - in basic colors when more color and definition is needed

Lipsticks and stains - include some red, peach, pink and earth tone shades (start with inexpensive lipsticks and lip pencils)

Lip pencils -in red, coral, pink and neutral shades

Powder - Loose powder in translucent is a must a variety of colors can be added as you build your kit.

Setting Spray - Like Ben Nye Final Seal or Mehron Barrier Spray, which can be used underneath makeup as well.

Lip Balm - Chapstick

Artificial Lashes

Duo Eyelash glue

Orangewood sticks

Tweezers

Cuticle scissors (or small scissors)

Cotton Swabs - Q-Tips

Good set of brushes made of natural fibers -

Stainless Steel palette

Brush Cleaner

Sponge Wedges - For single use only. Do not share or re-use.

Disposable Mascara applicators

Disposable Lipstick Applicators

Disposable plastic spatulas

Makeup Remover Wipes

Makeup Remover

Alcohol

Disposable plastic droppers

Small bottle of water

Paper towels

FOR SPECIAL EFFECTS INCLUDE:

Liquid Latex

Wrinkle Stipple

Bruise Wheel

Burns and Abrasions wheel

Character Wheel Zombie, Monster, Death

Nose and Scar Wax

Morticians' wax or eyebrow wax

Spirit Gum or Medical Adhesive such as Pros Aide

Spirit Gum Remover or an Adhesive Remover - Ben Nye's Bond Off

Blood - Different types - Ben Nye's Thick Blood and Stage Blood are the first two to have in your kit

Set of Inexpensive Craft Brushes made of artificial fibers

Stipple Sponges

Pre-Made Prosthetic Appliances

Castor Sealer - for sealing Prosthetics

Vaseline or Baby Oil Gel - to give bruises shine and mold nose and scar wax

Small pack of tissue - to create mottled skin effects

OTHER THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO ADD LATER:

Body Paints

Special Effects Gel

Other types of blood - Blood Gel, Fix Blood by Kryolin (sets and dries fast), blood powder, blood capsules

Tooth Stain

Crepe hair and other artificial hairpieces

Hair sprays and powdered colors

Tear Sticks and/or Glycerin - for tears

IF YOU ARE DOING FANTASY MAKEUP:

Spirit Gum or Medical Adhesive

Body paints

Glitter

Gems

Feathers

Metallic Powders or Pigments

Hair Sprays and Powders in assorted colors

Animal and other pre-made prosthetics

Other items - Be creative and find things at hobby and craft stores that can be applied to the skin to create fantasy looks such as leaves, flowers, little trinkets etc. Don't be afraid to experiment!

KEEP THINGS CLEAN AND SANITARY:

Always be sure to use clean sponges and applicators and throw them away when you are done. Don't share.

Be sure to scrape makeup out of pots, palettes or lipstick tubes and onto a clean mixing palette using a disposable plastic spatula or wooden stick rather than dipping sponges and applicators into clean pots.

Clean your brushes with brush cleaner when you are done. Don't store dirty brushes.

Use alcohol in a spray bottle to wipe down your area, any pencils or lipsticks you are going to use can be sharpened and sprayed with alcohol to assure that they are clean.

WHERE TO GET YOUR KIT SUPPLIES:

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