

Before you start your routine, apply moisturiser on cleansed skin. This will allow the base make-up to glide on smoothly. If you have an uneven skin tone, use a primer or colour corrector to eliminate the red patches. For a quick fix, use a tinted moisturiser that hydrates and corrects your skin tone in one step.

## **Blending**

Commonly missed out by many, this step is the most important one during application in order to achieve a flawless finish. Instead of dipping the sponge or brush into more foundation, use the remaining product on the applicator to smoothen out the harsh streak on the jaw line, hairline and around the corners of eyes, nose and mouth. For eye shadow application, blending the part where the colours meet will give a more natural finish, to avoid looking like a stage performer.

## Framing your face

There are a few ways to do this, namely shaping your eyebrows and sculpting your face. The shape of your eyebrows can change the whole look of your face, so avoid overplucking or drawing in harsh lines, as it may make you look fierce. To make your face appear slimmer or less broad, shade the areas near the jaw line and the corners of the hairline.

## Shelf-life of products

Bad news for hoarders: your products cannot last until the packaging disintegrates. Cosmetics have a shelf life ranging from three months to more than a year, so ensure that you use up the product before then, or get rid of the excess thereafter. Using expired products can induce a breakout or infection, so it's better to shell out a couple of bucks for new ones than spending a fortune on treatment.

# Use make-up to enhance, not hide

Although cosmetics can hide flaws, don't be over-dependent on them. Make-up can accentuate your best features while placing less emphasis on the rest but don't attempt or hope to change your whole face. It may be fun to think of your face as a canvas and experiment with the different looks, but it should still reflect your personality.

Established 25 years ago, Cosmoprof Academy is a leading make-up school that provides training in make-up artistry and beauty therapy.

Located in the heart of Singapore, the school offers an array of courses including the popular ones: Certificate in Personal Makeup Artistry and Hairstyling, Diploma in Professional Makeup Artistry and CIBTAC Diploma in Beauty Therapy Services.

### Diploma in Professional Makeup Artistry

This course will equip you with the essential technical skills and knowledge to pursue a career as a Professional Makeup Artist. It covers all aspects of make-up, including Fashion, Bridal, Photographic, Theatre, and Special Effects make-up, and Body Art, Face Painting and Hairstyling.

Cost: \$3424, including free kit worth \$1835

#### Certificate in Personal Makeup and Hairstyling

This course imparts important skills to help students create a professional and polished finish that enhances the model's best features. Spanning five lessons, you will learn the basics of perfecting various facial features, including eyebrows, lips and cheeks.

Cost: \$481.50

### CIBTAC Diploma in Beauty Therapy Services

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