



Beauty

your top 10 beauty questions

How do you zap a wedding zit? What's the best way to fight frizz? You gave us your biggest beauty problems—and we're giving you our best advice.

Earrings, cartier.com.
Tiara, Sara Gabriel;
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1 | I'm looking to clear up my skin for the wedding. What's a good, affordable over-the-counter regimen?

Our beauty editors love Olay's new Professional Pro-X line. The cleanser and the leave-on treatment both contain **salicylic acid** for unclogging pores; the renewing lotion helps diminish redness and blemishes so skin looks refreshed.

Olay Professional Pro-X Clear Acne Protocol (Pore Clarifying cleanser, Skin Clearing treatment, and Complexion Renewing lotion), \$42.



2 | Is there a tough deodorant that won't give me white armpits?

It's best to pick an antiperspirant-deodorant that comes in a solid formula and contains **moisturizers**, which help seal in the ingredients that leave those annoying white creases. (We like Dove's new Ultimate Go Sleeveless.) Another benefit: The nourishing ingredients will help smooth skin that's been newly shaved or waxed, meaning no nasty underarm bumps.

3 | What advice can you give me about waxing my brows?

Go to a pro—she'll be able to determine the most flattering arch for your features. Cindy Barshop, owner of Completely Bare, in New York, suggests scheduling your first appointment three months before the wedding. "Let your brows grow out for two weeks before that first appointment so she can evaluate them," she advises. "Schedule the pre-wedding wax a week in advance."



4 | How do I deal with a huge wedding-day pimple?

Don't pop it—the area will get redder and harder to hide. A cortisone injection from a dermatologist is the best bet, but if you don't have time for an office visit, New York makeup artist Ildiko suggests applying a frozen eye mask or a bag of frozen peas to the area to reduce swelling. Then use a 1 percent hydrocortisone cream (available at drugstores) to eliminate redness. Concealer comes next. "Less is more, so pat it on gently," Ildiko says. "Never rub back and forth or you'll irritate the pimple."

5 | I'm not a fan of makeup, but I plan to wear some for my wedding. What's the least I can get away with and still look special?

We've edited it down to five key products: Start with a tinted moisturizer (a little all over your face), then swipe blush on the apples of your cheeks and blend well. Next, apply a **neutral cream eye-shadow pencil** from the lids all the way up to the brow bones. Finish with two coats of waterproof mascara—curl your lashes first—and a tinted lip balm (since it's sheer, you can go a shade brighter than you would normally wear).

FROM LEFT Fresh Sugar Passion tinted lip treatment SPF 15, \$22.50. Tarte Smooth Operator SPF 20 tinted moisturizer, \$36. Wet n Wild Idol Eyes Crème shadow pencil in Pixie, \$1.99. Make Up for Ever Aqua Smoky Lash mascara, \$22. Nars The Multiple Makeup Stick in Orgasm, \$39.



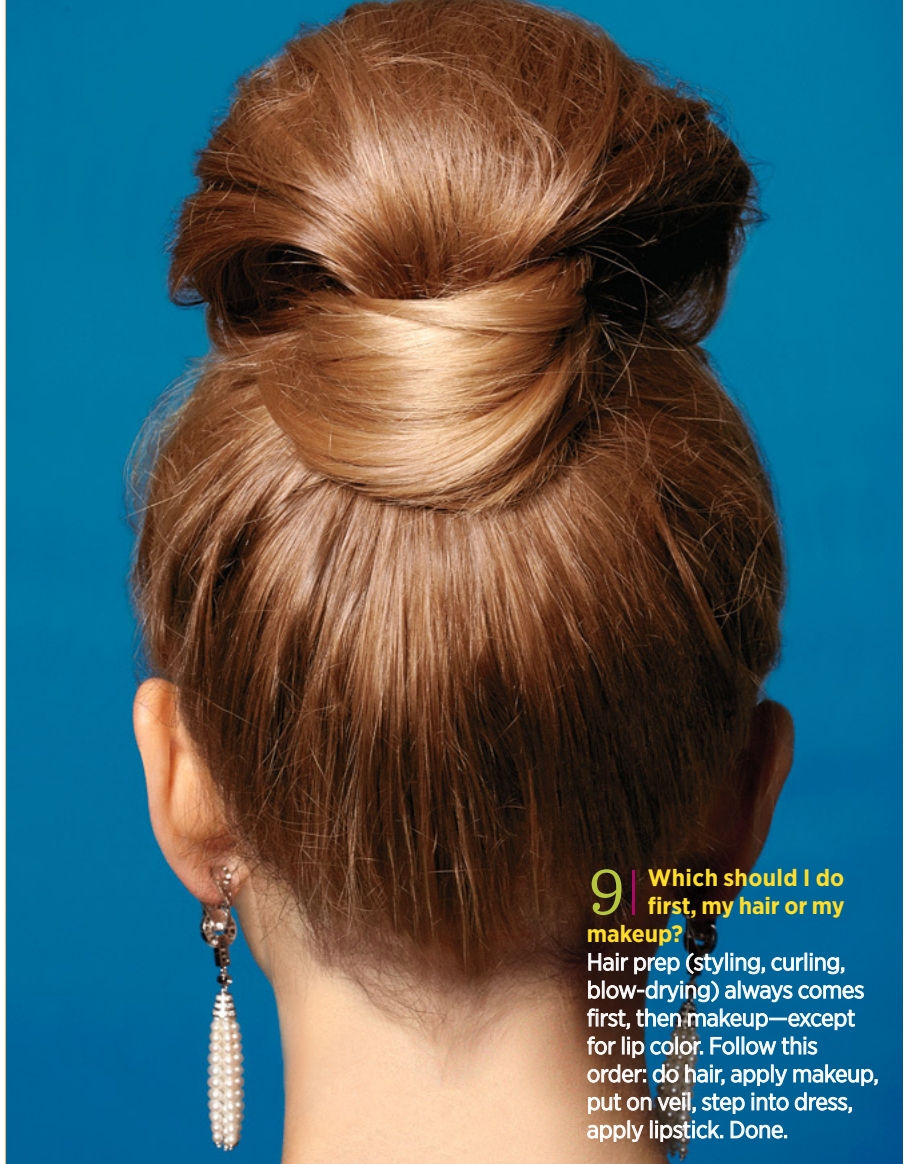
This fab five gives you a "natural" face.

6 | How can I make sure my hair doesn't get too frizzy?

Wash your hair two nights before the wedding (the night before, if it's super-oily), says New York stylist Tyler Laswell. Towel it dry before applying conditioner (dry hair will absorb it better), then do a final rinse. And choose a styling product containing little to no water—you don't want to add excess moisture. We're crazy about the Living Proof No Frizz products—worth every penny.



Living Proof No Frizz shampoo, \$10, conditioner, \$10, and styling treatment, \$15.



9 | Which should I do first, my hair or my makeup?

Hair prep (styling, curling, blow-drying) always comes first, then makeup—except for lip color. Follow this order: do hair, apply makeup, put on veil, step into dress, apply lipstick. Done.

7 | How do I apply fake eyelashes?

You'll need individual lashes in the shortest size. First curl your lashes, then apply two coats of black mascara. Put a dab of glue on the outside of the eyelash package or a piece of paper, and let it sit until it becomes tacky. Dip the end of the lash in the glue, and apply it to the outer edge of your lash line. (For a doe-eyed look, you'll want about three here.) **"Practice first,** and be sure the lashes don't irritate you," says makeup artist Ildiko.

8 | How many days in advance should I get a spray tan?

Jazz Rainieri, a tanning expert at New York's Paul Labrecque Salon & Spa, says to **go three days before.** That way, "by your wedding day, the color will have had time to set—so it won't rub off on your gown but will still look fresh," she says. "You can't shower for seven hours after application, so to avoid stain disasters, wear old clothes and steer clear of pale upholstery."

10 | How can I get my lipstick to last through the entire event?

Layering is the secret to staying power. First prep your pout—Ildiko suggests exfoliating and applying a thick balm the night before the wedding. The next day, **use a lip liner that matches your lipstick** to fill in your lips completely. (This creates a base for color to adhere to.) Apply a long-lasting lipstick with a brush, then dust with loose powder or blot with paper to set it. Finish with a second, lighter coat of your lipstick.

FROM LEFT Dolce & Gabbana Precision lip liner in Ruby, \$30, and Ruby lipstick in Ultra, \$37. Dior Diorskin loose powder, \$42.50. Paul & Joe blotting papers, \$5.



Choose a lip color that goes the distance.