

# Grown-up glamour

Singer Kylie goes for low-key sexiness, with a smoky, elegant maquillage

**K**ylie Minogue pulled out all the stops at the amfAR New York Inspiration Gala earlier this year in a racy black Jean Paul Gaultier dress with integral leather glove, chain detail and deep thigh split. And she was happy to let her outfit do the talking by keeping her make-up elegant and glam, rather than overtly sexy. Make-up artist Kabuki, who's worked with Kylie for four years, created the look.

"I didn't want to go the traditional red lipstick look, so instead created a soft lip and smoky eye to play up the sophistication and elegance of the dress, rather than the sexiness," Kabuki explains. "I wanted Kylie to look, above all else, very glamorous." Here's how he pulled it off...

## Feline eyes

"I often start make-up with the eyes so that I can finish with a flawless skin," Kabuki reveals. "I began by smudging a Myface High Definition Eyeliner in Black, £6.84, into the upper lash line, emphasising Kylie's naturally feline eyes, and defining the lower lash line with a taupe pencil. I then used two Myface Blingtone shadows, applying Black Ice over the lids and Sp'ice'y into the sockets of both eyes, blending to a wing. I finished with a hint of Blingtone Diamonds & Pearls under the brows and at the inner corner of each eye to catch the lights."

He applied two coats of Diorshow Mascara, concentrating on the base

of the lashes, with less at the ends, creating volume without clumping.

"I also used MAC false lashes, but cut them into sections to custom fit them to Kylie's eyes," Kabuki says. Using Laura Mercier Brow Duo, £20, he then created two perfect arches.

## Airbrushed skin

Kabuki prepped Kylie's skin with Nars Aqua Gel Hydrator, which gives the perfect base for all make-up, hydrating the skin without oil.

"Then I applied Myface Mymix Foundation in Fair, using a just-damp sponge," Kabuki says. He patted in a dab of concealer under her eyes and around her nose, then brushed a sculpting powder in warm brown under each cheekbone, with a dab of peachy MAC Blushcreme on the apples, blended back and up.

"To finish her skin I used a clever Sally Hansen Airbrush Shimmer spray [only available in the US] on the neck and shoulders, and even down the shins, to catch the light and make her glow."

## A pop of gloss

As this look was all about Kylie's eyes, Kabuki decided to keep her lips neutral. "I outlined with Myface High Definition Lipliner in Fair, £6.35, just over her lip line, and then added a touch of Lip Pop Gloss in a pink shade because I knew it would last all night long," he explains.

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Make-up artist Kabuki used pale lipgloss rather than vampy red lipstick with Kylie's chic black dress

## Smoky glow

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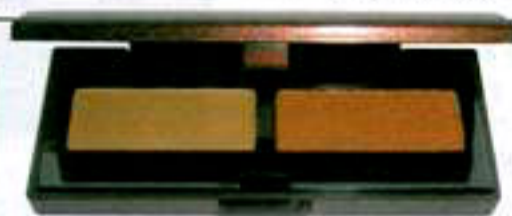
MAC Blushcreme in Lilicent, £16.50.

Diorshow Mascara in Black, £21.50.

Make Up For Ever Eye Pencil in Taupe, £10.93 Visit [makeup-provisions.com](http://makeup-provisions.com)



Myface Mymix Lip Pop Gloss Hollywood 133, £7.82.



Laura Mercier Brow Duo in Deep Blonde, £20 From Selfridges, tel: 0800-123 4000.



Nars Aqua Gel Hydrator, £56 Visit [narscosmetics.co.uk](http://narscosmetics.co.uk).

Myface Mymix Foundation in Fair, £12.71 From Boots.



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