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Brush up

Make some new furry friends

A quick poll of the WH office found the average woman owns three make-up brushes – which must be multi-tasking their bristled little backsides off. So, how many do you really need? More than three, say the experts, who've shared their favourite brush types with you.

Clinique Bronzer Blender Brush, \$58

When using a brush to sweep your bronzer on, the bigger the better. "Using a large fluffy brush will apply the product in a soft, subtle way and stop it getting too heavy and looking dirty," says Nicole Thompson from M.A.C Cosmetics.



YSL Blush Brush, \$66

"Opt for a natural bristled blush brush," says Morgan. "You want the bristles relatively dense – if they're too wide this will play out the colour."



M.A.C #190 Foundation Brush, \$75

"This is the perfect soft brush to apply liquids and creams. Use it for moisturiser, cream highlighter, cream blush and foundation," says Thompson.



Chanel Small Eyeshadow Brush, \$48

"Use a smaller, dense brush to rub shadow along the lash line to get that smoky effect. You'll also need a larger brush for blending over the whole eye area. Both should be natural bristles," says Morgan.



What about hairbrushes?

To paddle or not to paddle? Robert Maiolo from Maiolo Salon in Sydney has the answers.



Use a round brush if: you're blow-drying. A ceramic brush will help smooth curly hair – hot air heats it like a straightening iron. Try Brushworx Keratin Silk Ceramic Boar Bristle Radial Brush, \$21.95.

Use a paddle brush if: you have medium or long straight or slightly wavy hair – it'll help detangle ends. Avoid if you have curly hair, it'll pull apart curls creating frizz. Try ghd Paddle Brush, \$34.

Bobbi Brown Concealer Brush, \$45

For breakouts, use spot concealing before foundation, says make-up artist Elsa Morgan. "A synthetic, tapered, slim brush is ideal for dotting on blemishes," she says. Then use your ring finger to blend product in to the skin."



shu uemura Natural 4F Eyeliner Brush, \$50

If you want precise liquid liner, the skinny eyeliner brush is king. "It gives you control of the liquid and helps get the product right down into the lash line," says Morgan.



Nars Brush Eye Shader #3, \$134

When it comes to eyeshadow, you can get away with only two types of brush – but ideally you'll have two of each (one for light product and one for dark), so four in total. Ideally,

