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## LORDE AND LADY

“As much as these flaws are a struggle for me, they are me and they are what’s real about me.”

—LORDE

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## radar

The people, places and things in the world of style that got us talking



### COVET: 2X THE FUN

Adidas announced two exciting projects to launch in August. The first of five capsule collections designed by Rita Ora is coming, as well as an app letting Instagram users customize sneakers with their own pics—everything from #foodporn to #fitspiration.



### GO: WHERE THE WIND BLOWS

Blo Blow Dry Bar has united with Gwyneth Paltrow and David Babai, dubbed "the King of Curls" by *Vogue* magazine. With this collaboration, the Canadian blow-dry bar (no cuts, no colour) seeks to spread red-carpet glamour conveniently and affordably to all women, one blow-dry at a time.



### SHOP: ROYAL BEAUTY

Gucci is launching a cosmetic line and has tapped Charlotte Casiraghi, the daughter of Princess Caroline of Monaco, to be the face of the campaign. The line is set to launch in September and will include eye, lip, nail and skin-care products.



### KNOW: TAKE FIVE

Baz Luhrmann is filming Gisele Bündchen for the next Chanel No5 campaign, launching later this year. Grab a Kleenex: Luhrmann was also behind the fragrance's tear-jerking 2004 campaign starring Nicole Kidman.



### ATTEND: FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT

Summer festivals are getting more beautiful. At Luminato (June 6-15, [luminatofestival.com](http://luminatofestival.com)), Essie and L'Oréal Paris fill beach houses with nail polish or sun protection, respectively. And the Arts & Crafts Field Trip music festival (June 7-8, [fieldtriplife.com](http://fieldtriplife.com)) will offer Crow's Nest barbershop cuts. Pinky's Nails will also do manicures and press-ons, so you can rock on in style.



## ECO CHIC

To celebrate World Environment Day we're shining a light on forward-thinking brands that minimize their environmental and social impacts through sustainable design

**1. SOLE SEARCHING** These handmade moccasins combine centuries-old Native American artisanship with modern materials, and the durable rubber sole features a design by Aboriginal artist Heather Stepler of the Wolf Clan, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. **Manitobah Mukluks** Canoe suede moccasins, \$75, at [manitobah.ca](http://manitobah.ca) **2. PROTECTIVE PRACTICES** Collaborating with artisans in Asia and Latin America, designer Laura Siegel aims to preserve the traditional craftsmanship of skilled dyers, embroiderers, knitters and block printers through her textured designs and fair trade practices. **Laura Siegel** cotton, silk and leather embroidered clutch, \$345, at Holt Renfrew **3. LOCAL LEATHER** Made with locally sourced and hand-selected genuine leather, this sorbet-hued cross-body bag has a detachable strap for an instant hand-held clutch. **Opelle Pochette** clutch in Maldive, \$180, at [opellecreative.com](http://opellecreative.com) and **Ziliotto Boutique** **4. HERITAGE HANDIWORK** Hand-made in Kenya by Maasai beaders, out of recycled brass, glass beads and cotton cord, this unique bracelet uses age-old art forms passed down from mothers to daughters, turning traditional handwork into a livelihood. Me

to We Artisans Swahili wrap bracelet in Sea Green, \$60, [metowe.com/shop](http://metowe.com/shop) **5. RECLAIMED RINGS** Searching far and wide, twin sisters Tara and Courtney Neray salvage stones from unwanted jewellery to create one-of-a-kind, hand-cast rings that can easily be stacked up or worn alone. **Slashpile Designs** Lost and Found stacking rings in Turquoise, Blue Agate Marquis, \$90 each, and Lapis Lazuli, \$100, at [etsy.com/shop/slashpiledesigns](http://etsy.com/shop/slashpiledesigns) **6. TASTE OF INDIA** Handcrafting with lead-and-nickel-free metal, beads and Swarovski crystals, sister duo Kaabia and Sasha Grewal mix historic Indian craftsmanship with contemporary design in this intricate and eye-catching pendant necklace. **Outhouse** necklace, \$295, at Holt Renfrew's **Uncrate India Shop** **7. LOVELY LEFTOVERS** After doing extensive research, Looptworks estimates that the average leather tannery discards up to 4,600 pounds of leather daily. Rescuing high-quality materials left over from manufacturers, they made it their mission to transform waste into limited-edition essentials: **Luhu** tablet sleeve, \$60, [looptworks.com](http://looptworks.com)

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## ask jeanne

*I'm looking to cut down on the time it takes to get ready during the summer so I can spend more time outdoors. Can you share any quick fixes when it comes to beauty tips that will help me look put together in a flash? —Rachel*

DEAR RACHEL:

I am so with you! During those lazy summer months, the business of looking our best can start to feel way too time-consuming. But I do believe that if we take the time initially to make sure we have some basic elements in place, looking good this summer can be a total breeze.

First of all, less really is more, especially when it comes to the months ahead. So it's best to keep makeup at a minimum. You'll want to make sure you're very well groomed: Start off by making time for regular manicures and pedicures, and apply a topcoat every couple of days to prolong the polish.

The eyebrows frame the face, so keep your brows in great shape, either by plucking or threading. You might also want to try getting

your brows tinted with vegetable dye if you don't want to fuss with an eyebrow pencil. I recently had my brows tinted at Gee Beauty ([gee-beauty.com](http://gee-beauty.com)) and no longer need a pencil. Looking well-rested also makes for a more beautiful you, but if your eyes are a bit red, line the lower, inner rims with a peachy-nude pencil.

Unless you really need a heavier foundation to cover major flaws, opt for a tinted moisturizer with SPF this summer. It'll keep your skin moist, provide a little sun protection and give you a nice, natural glow, all in one go. Lips are always key when it comes to a vibrant visage. I find sheer glosses or lip stains work best; just make sure your lips are moisturized and exfoliated from time to time.

Hair is often problematic in the summer,

especially if you have the type that frizzes in the humidity. Invest in a few pretty hair accessories to clip back those unruly locks. Otherwise, try tousled updos or just go the chic classic ponytail route. Find a no-fuss style that works for you and take a welcome break from all the rollers, curling and straightening irons. But do have your hair trimmed regularly every six to eight weeks to keep all those split ends at bay and keep your hairstyle looking fresh and natural.

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# MIRACLE WORKERS

Of the mountains of lotions and potions, lipsticks and eyeshadows that cross our desks, we bring you the cream of the crop in this, our first ever One-Minute Miracle Award special

Who doesn't love a beauty product that punches above its weight? We certainly do! That's why, in the summer of 2011 Doug Wallace, then our chief content officer, dreamed up a quick and pithy way to pay homage to the products that really wowed us. We call these items One-Minute Miracles, and they are now part of our DNA. The criteria are simple: quality products that do what they say, beautifully and quickly. Like a beauty-focused Small Council (except with way less vitriol than on *Game of Thrones*), *The Kit* editors and contributors assembled in our boardroom to comb through the catalogue of winning entries. After much deliberation (and some quippy asides), we whittled down the list to the sacred and fabulous top 27 that you see on these pages. Each item deserves applause for efficacy, and we trust that if these are not already mainstays in your beauty regimen, they will be soon.



## SKIN SAVERS

### 1 EYE DO!

I love this product. All the anti-aging ingredients, plus moisture, plus it's concealing and illuminating, all in a very convenient tube, with a really nice built-in brush applicator. Easy to toss in my handbag! I always make sure I keep an extra on hand as I don't want to be without it. —*Giorgina Bigioni*

Olay Total Effects 7-in-1 Dark Circle Minimizing CC Cream Brush Applicator, \$25, at mass market retailers, [olay.ca](http://olay.ca)

### 2 BRIGHT EYES

Bioderma's magnificent makeup removers just got better thanks to these handy bottles. Saturate a cotton pad by pushing down on the pump and wipe away waterproof mascaras and stubborn liquid eyeliners. Bonus: It's even gentle on super-sensitive skin. —*Ashley Kowalewski*

Bioderma Sensibio H2O, \$33, at drugstores, [bioderma.com](http://bioderma.com)

### 3 HAPPY, GLOWY SKIN

When people ask me what I use on my skin because I look glowy and rested (despite burning the candle at both ends), it is my professional obligation to dish. For the record, it's this hydrating, firming and pore-disguising serum that's doing the trick. —*Deborah Fulsang*

Clarins Double Serum Complete Age Control Concentrate, \$85, [sephora.ca](http://sephora.ca)

### 4 GET RID OF RED

Flushed cheeks? Whether it's from the weather, stress or alcohol (or all of the above) we're sold on SkinCeuticals Redness Neutralizer. It reduces the red and the inflammation, and calms sensitivity, while lightly moisturizing and cooling. —*D.F.*

SkinCeuticals Redness Neutralizer, \$78, [skinceuticals.com](http://skinceuticals.com)

### 5 COMING UP ROSES

Dryness got the best of your skin? Fight back with the skin-saving power of wild rose oil and imperata-cylindrica extract, which brightens and hydrates the skin. —*Emma Yardley*

Korres Wild Rose 24-Hour Moisturizing Brightening Cream, \$44, [sephora.ca](http://sephora.ca)

### 6 DEEP CLEAN

Marcelle's micellar cleansers require less effort to get squeaky clean skin than standard cleanser

formulas. That makes it genius for sensitive skin that can't take a lot of wiping action during cleansing, and brilliant for nights when you have just enough energy to wipe your face before falling into bed. —*Janine Falcon*

Marcelle Soothing Cleansing Water, 200 mL, \$15 at [marcelle.com](http://marcelle.com), in pharmacies and mass retail stores

### 7 MAKESHIFT MULTI-TASKER

I cannot leave the house without Blistex, specifically the one in the dark blue pot. I have them scattered around my house and in every bag. It heals chapped lips, and if my hands are super dry I dab a bit of it around my cuticles before bed. —*Vanessa Taylor*

Blistex Lip Medex Medicated Lip Balm, \$3.49, [well.ca](http://well.ca)

### 8 SLICK SKIN SAVER

Oil fights oil! Old makeup removers and sudsy cleansers leave my skin dry and irritated. The Shu Uemura oil cleanser removes all my makeup, deep cleans my pores and gets rid of blackheads! It leaves skin feeling softer and looking fresher. Now, if I could just get it in a travel size... —*Jessica Hotson*

Shu Uemura Porefinist anti-shine fresh cleansing oil, \$82, at [shuueumura.ca](http://shuueumura.ca)

### 9 FLAKE ELIMINATOR

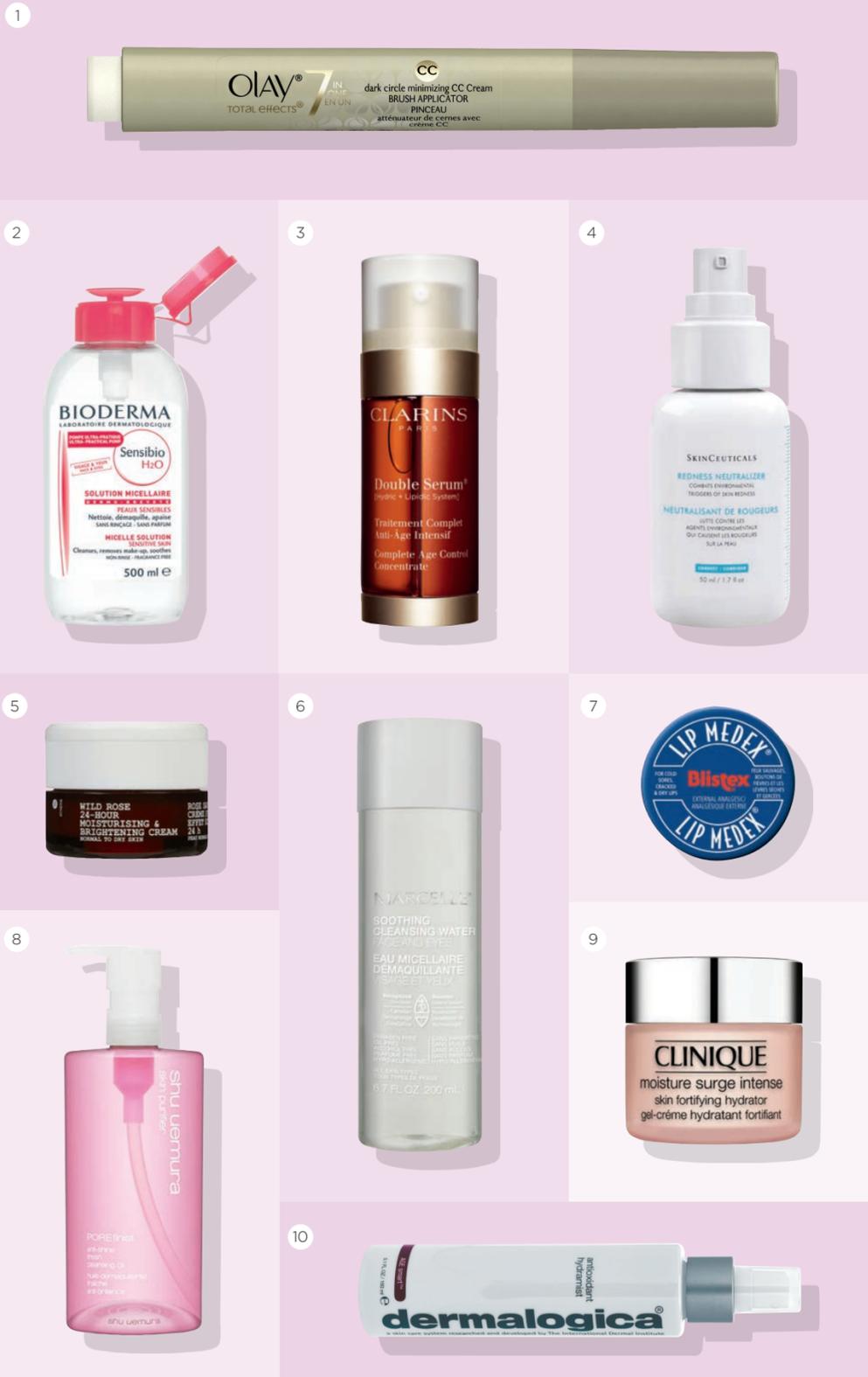
When my skin gets dry, it gets really dry. Sahara dry. This oil-free, creamy gel hydrates with olive extract and aloe-leaf juice and prevents further moisture loss with vitamin B6 and wheat-bran extract. It's been around since 1988, so it's proven its efficacy. It works, doesn't leave a greasy residue and keeps your skin looking great for the rest of the day. —*Alex Laws*

Clinique Moisture Surge Intense Skin Fortifying Hydrator, \$44, at Clinique counters and [clinique.com](http://clinique.com)

### 10 WAKE UP YOUR FACE

Even those new to the church of Dermalogica will be swayed by the light and refreshing Antioxidant Hydramist. Nourishing ingredients (including antioxidants such as white tea, licorice and vitamin E) are ordained to fight free radicals and improve the look and texture of your skin, while firming it and giving it a moisture boost to boot. All in a weightless, pick-me-up formula. Amen. —*A.K.*

Dermalogica Antioxidant Hydramist, \$49, [dermalogica.ca](http://dermalogica.ca)





## MAKEUP MUSTS

### 11 PHOTOSHOP IN A TUBE

This mattifying, pore-shrinking, wrinkle-disguising skin luminizer is a godsend when getting the requisite beauty sleep is a physical impossibility. Whether you're a selfie addict or subject to multiple family photos, pat this on alone or over foundation and you'll always be ready for your close-up. —A.L.

Indeed Laboratories Nanoblur, \$20, Shoppers Drug Mart

### 12 LASH NIRVANA

I'm a mascara lover with slightly oily skin, two competing traits that mean I'm prone to sooty circles under my eyes. This mascara's curved, lash-hugging brush allows me to pile on the Very Black for volume and length without clumps, while the waterproof formula lasts all day but removes easily with a gentle cleanser. —Christine Loureiro

CoverGirl LastBlast Clump Crusher Water Resistant Mascara, \$11, at mass retailers

### 13 LIP SERVICE

Keep lipstick on your lips—and not around them—by lining lips with a clear lip liner. Our favourite also ensures your bright hues last all day (or night). —C.L.

No Bleeding Lips Secret Lip Liner, \$15, Murale, Shoppers Drug Mart and sephora.ca

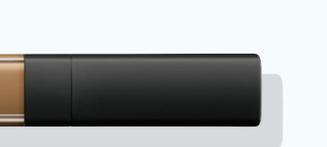
### 14 COVER THE BASES

I used to use an under-eye illuminator plus concealer to mask tired eyes. But this ultra-creamy, buildable formula offers the best of both worlds! It reflects light and evens out skin tone for a smooth, luminous finish. Bonus: This concealer is also free of parabens, sulphates and alcohol, which is perfect for sensitive skin. —Natasha Bruno

Nars Radiant Creamy Concealer, \$32, at sephora.ca

### 15 PHOTO-FINISH FOUNDATION

Do away with your go-to photo filters after using this moisturizing foundation that leverages light technology for flawless and glowing goddess-like skin. Say "cheese" worry-free with a close-up-ready complexion no matter the time of day as gel-covered pigments in this



long-wear formula mask imperfections to give you that covetable, luminous finish you're after. —D.F.

Smashbox Liquid Halo HD Foundation Broad Spectrum SPF 15, \$48, nordstrom.com

### 16 FAST FIXATIVE

Keeping your bridal makeup exactly where you want it is as easy as the push of a button. A few spritzes of this cooling, lightweight spray will fix your foundation, smoky eye and bridal (faux) glow in place for up to 18 hours. So you can focus on the right things: feeling beautiful, saying "I do" and blushing for all the right reasons. —D.F.

Mary Kay Finishing Spray, \$18, marykay.com

### 17 SUMMER SKIN SAVER

This lightweight balm is a multi-tasking summer beauty essential. It tones, corrects and smooths imperfections, while protecting skin from the sun's harsh rays. Plus, it's buildable so you can get exactly the coverage you need. Infused with light-reflecting pearls, it comes in three shades for a flawless glow-from-within complexion. —A.K.

Bobbi Brown Beauty Balm SPF 35, \$50, bobbibrown.ca

### 18 LIQUID FALSIES

The buildable cream formula isn't the only thing that makes this a major lash-enhancer. A unique spatula comb forces your lashes up as you apply it and gets right into the corners of the eyes. It's a fake-lash look, without the effort. The stand-up pot will make a dramatic statement on your dresser too. —A.K.

Anna Sui Lash Amplifying Mascara, \$28, annasui.com, at Murale, Hudson's Bay and select Shoppers Drug Mart stores

### 19 IN THE CLEAR

Applying clear mascara on the eyebrows is a great way to hold them in place and frame the face. "It draws the eyes up and makes you look well-rested and younger," says Toronto-based pro makeup artist Laura Scuzs. "This is one of the little magic tools that everyone should have in their kit: It gives a big bang for your buck." —D.F.

Maybelline New York Great Lash Clear Mascara, \$7, at drugstores and mass retailers, maybelline.ca



VICTORIA BECKHAM

## HAIR HELP

**20 DRY HAIR-APY** Dry, brittle locks are prone to breakage, and scarves cause pesky knots (or, if you're me, dreadlocks). Enter Aveda's newly reformulated Dry Remedy Moisturizing Masque. In just two minutes, hair feels softer and stronger thanks to a patented blend containing buriti-fruit oil, which delivers, and seals in, moisture. There's no greasy residue, and calming organic bergamot, lavender and ginger lily scents leave you feeling brighter, and not just about your hair. —A.L.

Aveda Dry Remedy Moisturizing Masque, \$34, aveda.com

**21 OH-YES OIL** Give your hair the VIP treatment. This affordable oil adds softness and shine, and it smells so good (thanks to macadamia nut oil) that you can forgo fragrance altogether. Just squirt a few drops into the palm of your hand and run it over the length of your hair, focusing on the ends. It gives polish without making hair heavy or greasy—even on day two. (I credit it for the compliments I received about how shiny my hair looked at New York Fashion Week.) —C.L.

Dove Pure Care Dry Oil for Hair, \$15, walmart.ca and dove.ca



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ANYA HINDMARCH

## NAIL AID

### 22 NAILED IT!

You know the drill: Take 30 minutes to paint your nails. Spend 30 minutes waiting for the polish to dry. Ruin it in 30 seconds by grazing your hand against a table. Or sweater. Or bedsheet. This super-powered polish protector dries to the touch in 30 seconds flat (flat!) and helps keep your manicure chip-free and super-glossy for days. —C.L.

Sally Hansen Insta-Dri Anti Chip Top Coat, \$7, at mass retailers and drugstores

### 23 IDOL HANDS

As often as you've heard the rule, you've ignored it: Do. Not. Cut. Your cuticles. I can't tell you why the skin around your nails gets scraggly and dry. I can tell you that it (sometimes) bothers me and I (often) ignore the advice of experts too. No more. This brush-on gel soothes cuticles and hydrates even manly-dry cuticles, and it has worked so well on me, it's kick-started my mission to help bad cuticles everywhere. I use it on myself, then take advantage of the not-pink packaging and non-greasy feel to treat (read: sneak attack) the hands of the men in my life. (Sorry, Dad. And yes, you can have mine.) —C.L.

Sally Hansen Cuticle Rehab, \$9, at mass retailers and drugstores



## BODY BOUNTY

**24 ZESTY SKIN SOFTENER** Too pressed for time to moisturize your body after a shower? Instead of a "Tsk, tsk," we have a solution that'll work in the tub: the sugar and salt in this scrub work to exfoliate skin while its glycerine base leaves you with a super-smooth finish. Developed with the experts at Fuzz Wax Bar, it also helps to make your wax last longer. —A.L.

Consonant Skin Perfecting Body Scrub, \$30, consonant.com

**25 BIKINI FIX** Nix red bumps and ingrown hairs for good. Drenched in skin-calming antioxidants like green tea and oat extract, and soothing alpha and beta hydroxy acids, these pads can be used on any post-waxed or post-shaven areas that threaten to make your bikini line look less than brilliant. —A.K.

Bliss Ingrown Eliminating Pads, \$45, blissworld.com, sephora.ca

**26 AWESOME, EVERY DAY** How wonderful when something you apply almost every day still gives you a mood boost every time you use it. Case in point: This light, skin-soothing lotion (still an icon after 42 years) that smells like you just came back from a laid-back afternoon on a Cypriot beach. No wonder a bottle of it is sold every 20 seconds somewhere on the planet. —D.F.

Biotherm Lait Corporel Anti-Drying Body Milk, \$29 (400 mL), biotherm.ca

**27 FRESH FOOT FIX** For one: We love that this foot cream is not mint-scented but rather smells like a pina colada. Secondly: We love the super-luscious salve-like formula that does wonders for our dry heels. Thirdly: We love that it's 99.51 per cent natural. And as a fourth, we should mention that coconut has natural cleansing properties. Oh yeah, point number five: Rub a little on your split ends for instant revitalization. —D.F.

Burt's Bees Coconut Foot Cream, \$15, burtsbees.ca



## spotted

# ICE CREAM DREAM

Indulge your beauty sweet tooth and dress up your fingertips and toes with juicy sorbet hues that sing summer —NATASHA BRUNO



LAURA BIAGIOTTI

**MINT CONDITION**  
Soft and romantic, sweet seafoam-coloured polish creates a whimsical effect. Sonia Kashuk Nail Polish in Breakfast at Tiffany's, \$5, at Target



**SUMMER BLUES**  
Channel breezy summer days and clear skies with this powder-blue hue. Seche Nail Colour in Casually Cool, \$10, at seche.com



**PEACH TANGO**  
Vivacious peachy-coral varnish is deliciously fun and flirty. Essie Nail Polish in Resort Fling, \$10, at professional salons and leading retailers



**WALKING ON SUNSHINE**  
Brighten your look with a cheerful splash of daffodil-yellow lacquer. Ceramic Glaze Long Lasting Shine in Pineapple Breeze, \$11, at Shoppers Drug Mart and Pharmaprix stores



**LUSCIOUS LAVENDER**  
Go for an ultra-feminine statement with candied pale-purple nails. Joe Fresh Nail Polish in Faded Violet, \$4, at joefresh.com

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## outfit envy

# ASHLEY MADEKWE

The *Revenge* star and style blogger dons a stunning mix of pinky-coral and poppy-red separates in Los Angeles —NATASHA BRUNO

### LACE UP

Tucked in, this embroidered blouse gently defines the waist with a slight peplum effect. The embellished collar adds polish with a playful twist.

### DELICATE DETAILS

Simple, small-scale jewellery is all that's needed to complete the outfit, for an ensemble that's feminine and fresh.

### BOXY LADY

A metallic-trimmed box clutch finishes off the look with a hint of glimmer.

### PENCIL US IN

Brimming with ladylike charm, a fitted midi pencil skirt accentuates Madekwe's curves, while the vibrant hue and lace detail energize the demure tea-length hemline.

### TIP

An analogous palette—shades next to each other on the colour wheel—may seem unexpected, but it's actually a foolproof way to create a cohesive look.

### STRAP HAPPY

These minimalist strappy multi-coloured sandals give a flirty and elegant finish.



PHOTOGRAPHY: MAXTREE (BIAGIOTTI), GEOFFREY ROSS (PRODUCTS), GETTY IMAGES (MADEKWE).

# Get these **MIRACLE PRODUCTS** selected by *The Kit's* experts



YOURS FOR JUST \$40 (\$160+ VALUE!)

**1. Marc Anthony Dream Waves Beach Spray** Stuck in the office? That doesn't mean your locks can't get that post-ocean dip look. This spray gives you sexy beach hair—minus the sand in your swimsuit.

**2. No Dark Shadows Complexion Enhancer** Bags and dark circles, the evidence of last night's tequila—whatever you need hidden, this full-coverage under-eye concealer does the job and more.

**3. Elizabeth Arden Eight Hour Cream** This classic cream has been around for decades and yet somehow we keep finding new ways to soak up its goodness.

**4. Mèreadesso All-In-One Moisturizer** Pure and simple, this all-in-one moisturizer rescues sun-ravaged skin with zero grease.

**5. China Glaze nail polish** The bright summer colours and the smooth, glossy finish—it's time to enjoy the summer party season!

**6. One-Minute Miracle Winner Indeed Laboratories Nanoblur** Minimize the signs of aging and transform your skin immediately for a younger and softer look.

**7. Bioderma Atoderm Gentle Shower Gel** Looking for some R & R? The natural blue tint and delicate, fresh fragrance of this shower gel make for a pleasurable, spa-like experience.

**8. One-Minute Miracle Finalist Gosh Precious Powder Pearls** Sweep the super-silky, tawny pearl powder over cheeks, forehead, nose, chin—why stop there?—shoulders and décolleté.

**9. One-Minute Miracle Finalist Burt's Bees Facial Cleansing Towelettes Wipes** These are the best for easy makeup removal, sweeping away even the sultriest makeup and leaving your skin feeling clean and fresh.

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## interview

# SWEET LORDE

The 17-year-old pop sensation and M.A.C's latest celebrity collaborator talks flaws, her signature look and taking her mother on tour

While her friends back home in Auckland, New Zealand, have been hitting the books in high school, Ella Yelich-O'Connor (as she's known to pals) has been busy collecting two Grammys, two Billboard Awards, a Brit Award and four New Zealand Music Awards, all while working a dramatic, deep purple lip. "I like the idea of having a signature on stage, so I dress in suits and I wear a bold lip. It's become my thing," she says, citing Patti Smith and Grace Jones as her style influences. We sat down with the singer between gigs in New York.

**The Kit:** It's been a whirlwind. What's been your most surprising accomplishment?

**Lorde:** Working with M.A.C is definitely not something I thought would happen to me because it seems as if only superstars work with M.A.C, like Lady Gaga or Rihanna. But I like the idea of making a product for my friends to use, just like we used to hand around the same lipstick.

**The Kit:** What made you want to share the message that flaws are OK?

**Lorde:** I have had particularly bad acne for a lot of this year—it's just starting to clear up—and that's a really hard thing. It dents my self-confidence, having to perform and people seeing my face every day. But when I saw that someone had edited me to look perfect on stage—you wouldn't expect anyone to edit photos from that context, just as you wouldn't expect paparazzi photos to be photoshopped, but they are—I was like, 'Oh, man.' As much as these flaws are a struggle for me, they are me and they are what's real about me. The idea of that being misrepresented, I couldn't do that to the kids who see me on TV and listen to my music.

**The Kit:** How do you manage your skin on the road?

**Lorde:** I don't, really. I can have the strictest regimen and it will still flare up and go crazy. It can be different climates, different tap water. But I am on a good system now. I went to a dermatologist and they gave me a moisturizer, face wash and spot cream, so I just use

those every morning and night and I think it's helping a little bit, which is really good.

**The Kit:** How do you feel about collaborating on a makeup line when you have said that flaws are OK?

**Lorde:** I like to think that my products are about highlighting features on your face that you really like and you want to accentuate. I know that's what I do because I'm not so confident about my skin.

**The Kit:** What got you interested in royalty?

**Lorde:** I have just been really into it ever since I was a kid. I would buy these beautiful books that were fictional diaries of different royals like Elizabeth I or Marie Antoinette. It's the best possible fairy tale, but it's real. They all blew my mind.

**The Kit:** It's been an intense 18 months. What do you find most difficult?

**Lorde:** For one thing, I'm travelling all the time so it can be hard to keep in touch with friends. I miss everyone's birthdays. I am in and out of touch with my family. My mum is on tour with me, but that sort of thing can be difficult and feel quite isolating. Also there's the fact that everyone has an opinion on what you're doing. It can be very tough to keep your compass where it was before you read whatever you've read.

**The Kit:** What's most nerve-racking: interviews, photo shoots or performing?

**Lorde:** I never get nervous before shoots or interviews, but I always get nervous before performing. I always know it's going to be OK, it's just one of those things; it's this aggressive drive. I want it to be perfect.

**The Kit:** Does all this rapid success make you feel you have to behave in a more grown-up way?

**Lorde:** No! It is what it is. You don't know what you can do until you're doing it. You just make it work and hope for the best.

—As told to Alex Laws. This interview has been edited and condensed.



LORDE WITH MAKEUP ARTIST AMBER DREADON

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Four steps to mastering Lorde's makeup, by fellow New Zealander Amber Dreadon, who has been her go-to makeup artist since the night before *Pure Heroine* was released

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### 3. LINE UP

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### 4. LIP MIXING

"We do a dark lip a lot, but we are always manipulating the colour. We use this M.A.C product called Lipmix to change the shade up a bit. So if you have Pure Heroine but you want it a bit darker, you add in the black Lipmix. Some days she grabs the Lipmix herself and mixes the colours up with her fingers."

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