

MATERIAL GIRL

The hottest way to wear this season's fashion fabrics might be on your eyes, cheeks, lips and hair...



FROM SUMPTUOUS CRUSHED velvets, to wet-look latex and ornate brocades, this season's catwalks professed a passion for fabulous fabrics. And it spread to the backstage beauty areas too; we witnessed eye colours so matte they seemed to have been draped in Valentino

velvet, skin so iridescent it was as if Alexander McQueen's collection had been squeezed into a foundation tube, and lips as shiny and sleek as a Saint Laurent minidress. Here's how to adorn your face in this autumn's hottest textures. Go ahead and be a material girl...



ANYA HINDMARCH



VA-VA VELVET

Vibrant dresses at Ralph Lauren, Paul & Joe's punchy power suit and Roksanda's thigh-high boots – velvet comes in many shapes and sizes this time around. And guess what? It's going to creep into your make-up bag too. The easiest way to wear it is in the form of a velvety matte eye. 'Take a super-soft eyeliner pencil over your eyelid, then press a matte eyeshadow on top,' says NARS UK make-up artist ambassador Andrew Gallimore. 'Build up layers gradually, don't storm in with heaps of powder.'

1. & 4. Ciaté Velvet Manicure Kit in Mink Cashmere, £14. 2. NARS Matte Eyeshadow in Outremer, £10. 3. NARS Velvet Eyeliner in Darklight, £17. 5. & 6. The Estée Edit by Estée Lauder Metallishadow Crème and Powder Duo in Wild Cosmos, £17. 7. Christian Louboutin Velvet Matte Lip Colour in Eton Moi, £65 ▶

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ALEXANDER MCQUEEN

BROCADE GALORE

Miuccia Prada's badass brocades set our pulses racing, as did the rich palettes and decorative fabrics at Burberry, Mary Katrantzou and Miu Miu. 'Update your smoky eye with a shade that has a shot of metallic,' says Andrew. For a wearable iridescent mouth apply Guerlain's Gloss d'Enfer Maxi Shine Lip Colour in Gold Tchlak, over your favourite colour or mix MAC's Pigment in Vanilla, £16, with Lanolips 101 Ointment Superbalm, £11, and dab into the centre of your lips. 'Try copper and rust nail colours for an unexpected take on this trend,' advises manicurist Ama Quashie.



MARY KATRANTZOU



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- 1. Guerlain Gloss d'Enfer Maxi Shine Lip Colour in Gold Tchlak, £23.50.
- 2. MAC Pigment in Vanilla, £16.
- 3. YSL Full Metal Shadow in Misty Green, £21.
- 4. NARS Night Series Eyeliner in Night Clubbing, £18.
- 5. Alexander McQueen hairslide, £245.
- 6. Dolce & Gabbana hairslide, £1,700



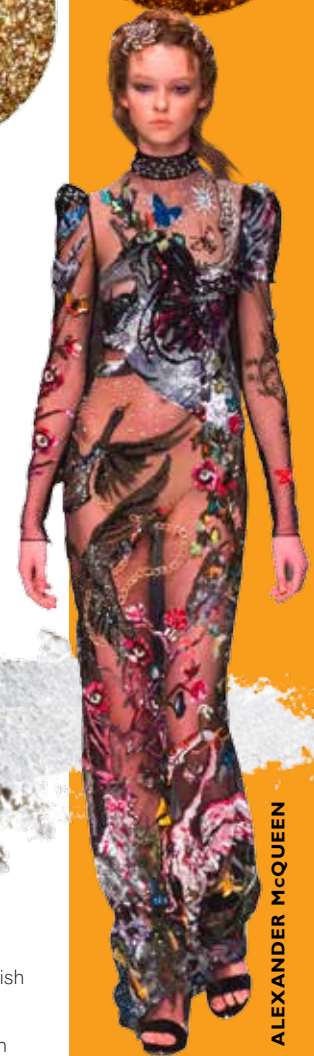
CHARLOTTE OLYMPIA

BADA BLING!

Magpies rejoice – it's a season of sparkles. Charlotte Olympia models carried iridescent, intergalactic clutch bags and wore embellished lip glitter. Continue the theme with skin that shimmers. 'Pat an illuminating cream on to the outer eye area, brow bone, tops of the cheekbones, jawline, inner corners of the eyes, down the bridge of your nose and on to the Cupid's bow,' says Andrew. For next-level sparkles try Lit Cosmetics Lose Colour, £13, the new jewelled beauty brand taking Instagram by storm. Ama suggests vamping up your manicure with glitter tips.



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- 1. NARS Illuminator in Hot Sand, £23.
- 2. Morgan Taylor Nail Polish in Glitter & Gold, £10.99.
- 3. Estée Lauder Victoria Beckham Limited Edition Morning Aura Illuminating Crème, £68.
- 4. Tom Ford Cream Colour for Eyes in Opale, £30.
- 5. Diorshow Fusion Mono Eyeshadow in Lune, £25

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1. Seche Vite Dry Fast Top Coat, £11.
2. YSL Vernis A Levres Vinyl Cream in Burgundy Vibes, £26.
3. & 4. MAC Studio Eye Gloss in Next Up Neon, £16.
5. Charlotte Tilbury Legendary Lashes mascara in Black Vinyl, £25



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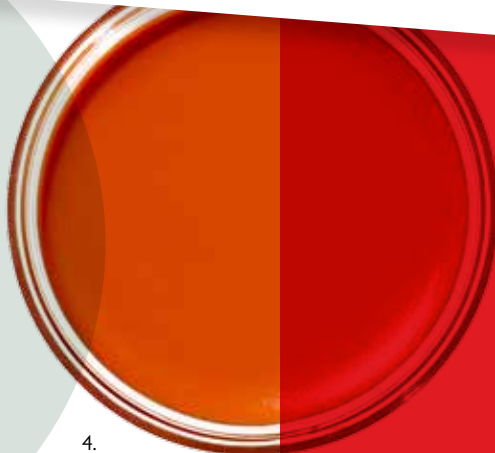
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LUXE LATEX

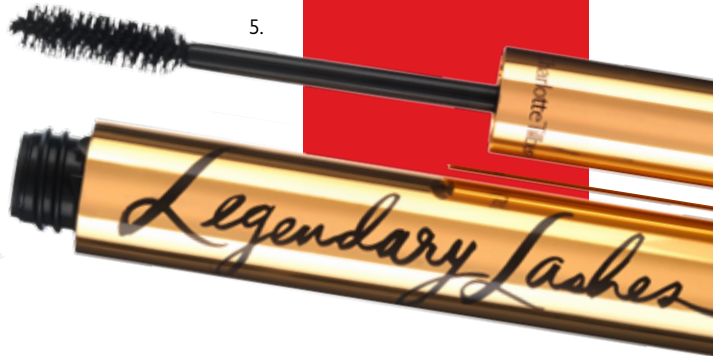
With fabrics so silken they rippled like liquid across all fashion capitals, prepare to get your latex on, ladies. Leather too reigned supreme with Saint Laurent, The Row, Balenciaga, Céline and Isabel Marant all unleashing their sultry side. Follow their lead by working the vinyl lip seen everywhere from Dior and Ashish to Louis Vuitton. First prep the lips with an exfoliating scrub, before applying a lip balm. 'Then line your lips for a sharp, precise shape, sketching over the entire mouth, before slicking on your chosen colour,' says Andrew. Finish with NARS Triple X Lipgloss, £19.50. Wear it with Seche Vite Dry Fast Top Coat on nails for 'the glossiest finish around,' says Ama.



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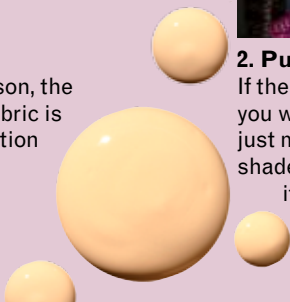


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MICRO MATERIAL TRENDS

1. Puffa perfection

The coat of the season, the matte waterproof fabric is filtering into foundation too. Get the look with Urban Decay's All Nighter Liquid Foundation, £27.



BORA AKSU

2. Purple reign

If there's one colour you wear this season, just make sure it's a shade of purple. Try it as a subtle wash of eyeshadow or skinny eyeliner.



CHANEL

3. Animal print

You couldn't help but spot the spots and stripes at the shows, from Givenchy to Dolce & Gabbana. Want to release your wild side? Press your favourite shadow over a piece of mesh for a Chanel snakeskin effect. ■



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