

Makeup Tools

Natural hair brushes seem more expensive, but they last longer. Kabukis should be made of a soft hair that is long lasting, such as goat or badger. Eye shadow brushes should be a little stiffer, but still soft enough for delicate eye areas. Sable is the choice of most professional makeup artists.

All cosmetic brushes should be cleaned at least once a month. This can be done in 2 ways. Either with warm water and a gentle soap or mild shampoo or rubbing alcohol can be sprayed liberally and then the brush wiped on a clean soft cloth. This procedure should be repeated until brush is clean.

- ✓ Concealing - Our Deluxe Concealer Fluff Brush can be used to spot areas that you want to conceal. There is no need to use an additional concealer. Just spot these areas with your regular foundation. If redness is severe you may need to use a foundation one shade lighter than your regular shade.
- ✓ Foundation - A Kabuki or other dense soft brush is essential to applying mineral makeup. Too stiff or a more open brush will cause makeup to “fly away” and it ends up on you, your clothes and the countertop instead of on your face. When applying with a Kabuki brush use a buffing motion. See handout on how to apply mineral makeup.
- ✓ Blush - Use a small soft brush to apply blush. Blush is used to define the cheek bones. Using too large of a brush causes the application in too large of an area of coverage and looks unnatural. A larger brush can be used for blending after blush is applied. When applying mineral blush keep in mind that “a little goes a long way”.
- ✓ Shadow - Dome shaped brushes are great for applying shadow. These brushes are made to apply makeup evenly instead of all in one spot. A flat angle liner can be used to blend different colors together once shadow is applied.
- ✓ Liner - A small liner brush can be used with any mineral shadow to create eyeliner. It can be applied dry for a softer effect or dip the brush in clean water, then dip it in the color for a more dramatic look. This brush also makes an excellent lip liner.