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“My Best Advice” Wedding Day Beauty

Make-up artist **Carissa Passerella**, based in Denver, has been in the industry for more than 12 years and beautifies brides on a weekly basis. We got her to open up her makeup kit and share her all-time-favorite products for creating a flawless face.



Fresh Sugar Face Polish, \$55 “It’s so important to exfoliate, especially in drier climates like Colorado’s. A smooth canvas allows makeup to be applied evenly and to last longer. My favorite exfoliant is Fresh’s Sugar Face Polish. It’s gentle and moisturizing, plus it smells so good.”



e.l.f. Professional Shine Eraser, \$1 “For touch-ups, I recommend brides carry e.l.f.’s Shine Eraser sheets, which are such a deal—only \$1 for a pack of 50. Just pull out a sheet and press it to your shiny spots. These aren’t too powdery, like some blotting papers, and don’t leave any residue behind.”



Andrea Modlash Strip Lash #53, \$4 “In photographs, lashes tend to disappear, so I like to use false lashes. I’ve tried all the brands, and these are definitely the best. Andrea’s fit every eye shape, and they’re so natural-looking. You don’t even need mascara, which is good news should you end up crying during the ceremony.”



Anastasia Beverly Hills Five Piece Brow Kit, \$65 “I always recommend brides get their eyebrows shaped before the wedding. Just don’t get waxed the week of—eye shadow tends not to stay put on just-waxed skin. If you want to go the do-it-yourself route, I’d use the Anastasia Five Piece Brow Kit, which includes brow stencils, tweezers, brow gel, brow powder, and a dual-sided brush.”



Stila Convertible Color, \$22 “I use this blush on every single client because it creates the perfect ‘blushing bride’ effect. ‘Gladiola’ and ‘Petunia’ are my go-to colors—they truly work on every skin tone. Also, the texture is so sheer and blendable. I usually layer this under a powder blush for color that lasts all day and looks natural, not streaky or harsh.”



For more of Carissa’s favorites and product reviews, check out her blog at colorado.weddingmakeup.com.

Opened Recently Outfit Your Bridal Party



FOR THE BRIDESMAIDS
Forget about schlepping from boutique to boutique on a quest for the perfect bridesmaid dress. With the recent opening of chainlet **Bella Bridesmaid**, Denver now joins the likes of San Francisco, Chicago, and Boston as one of 22 cities to offer a quality emporium devoted solely to bridesmaid and flower girl attire. Count on

gowns from a great selection of designers, like Priscilla of Boston, Vera Wang, Simple Silhouettes, and Amsale, along with shoes, jewelry, purses, and wraps. 3000 E. 3rd Ave., Ste. 32, 303-377-2025, bellabridesmaid.com

FOR THE FLOWER GIRL

In-the-know parents love **Bonnie Young’s** superposh children’s clothing line, especially the whimsical special-occasion dresses made from luxe materials like cashmere, silk, and tulle. Since many of these garments moonlight as fashion-forward flower girl attire, head to Aspen, where the designer recently opened her first freestanding boutique this



winter; previously, her designs were sold exclusively in specialty stores like Tracey Ross, in L.A., and Harvey Nichols, in London. The new gleaming, all-white space is anything but cutesy and carries the designer’s complete line in girl’s sizes 2-10. 675 E. Cooper Ave., 970-925-7299, bonnieyoung.com



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