

A QUESTION OF STYLE

Airbrush perfects makeup

Every woman dreams of having flawless skin and perfect makeup for special occasions.

Well, maybe not just for special occasions — looking beautiful on a daily basis wouldn't be so bad, either.

To achieve this goal, some women are opting to have their makeup airbrushed. Besides ridding the cabinet of m a k e u p sponges and brushes, airbrushing has a flawless finish.



What is airbrushing and its benefits?

"Airbrushing uses formulated makeup that is water based," said Cathy Scarengille of Margate. "It is applied using a certain amount of air pressure. A hand can't apply it as evenly as the pressure does."

Scarengille, 40, owns Airmakeup salon in Margate, one of the first salons on the East Coast to use the airbrush technique. She was trained in Hollywood and uses her line of makeup formulated by a chemist.

"It is sanitary because you never need to touch the face with your hands," said Scarengille. "And it lasts all day and is smudge proof."

She teaches her customers how to apply the makeup so they can do it at home. And she said it is safe for women of all ages.

To use this technique, women need a small air compressor (\$250) and a long air pencil with a bowl on the top. Put the makeup in the bowl and use the pencil to spray a fine mist on the face.

Women also consider airbrushing when it is important to have the perfect tan.

The air pressure applies the tan evenly, said Scarengille. A chemist formulated a product with DHA, an ingredient that tells the skin to tan. It is safe and can be used on the body and face, Scarengille said.

"Most people keep their face out of the sun or put on a higher sunblock than what they put on the body," said Scarengille. "These are the ones who like to come in and get their face airbrushed with a tan."