

Your Beauty Questions, Answered

Q | How do I prevent my makeup from melting off in the heat?

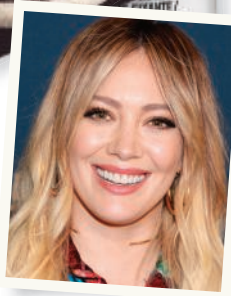
—JAVANA in California

A | It's all about how you start—and end—your look, says Hilary Duff's makeup artist Allan Avendaño. After moisturizing, apply a thin layer of oil-free primer, followed by makeup, then a spritz of a matte setting spray. "If you need to absorb oil mid-day, touch up with pressed powder. It's a savior."

Dior Backstage Face & Body Primer, \$36; dior.com
M.A.C Cosmetics Prep + Prime Fix+ Matte, \$27; maccosmetics.com
Laura Mercier Translucent Pressed Setting Powder, \$39; lauramercier.com



Avendaño created Hilary Duff's budgeproof look with these essentials.



Q | Does foundation with SPF provide ample sun protection?

—KALINA in New York

A | "It's not as effective as a traditional sunscreen due to the fact that it's applied with a lighter hand," says N.Y.C. dermatologist Dr. Howard Sobel, who recommends swapping your primer for a lightweight, broad-spectrum sunscreen gel.

Q | I have eczema but want my skin to glow. What self-tan product will apply evenly?

—KAREN in New Jersey

A | Try a lotion, says N.Y.C. dermatologist Dr. Kavita Mariwalla. "It's less likely to settle in any patchy areas that eczema creates than other formulas." Before applying it, exfoliate in the shower with a gentle sugar scrub to smooth the skin you want to bronze.

Sally Hansen Airbrush Legs Lotion, \$14.50; at Walgreens stores



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—ALEX APATOFF, digital lifestyle director



Bobbi Brown Cosmetics Long-Wear Gel Eyeliner, \$27; bobbibrown.com

