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Creating perfect, symmetrical eyeliner to match your make up look is, and probably always will be one of the trickiest tricks to master in the make-up world, but a must nonetheless. We all know the feeling, a solid make up base applied (spots significantly covered, eye bags zapped), you’ve even applied your bronzer in the right places and you have just the right amount of highlighter to give you Angelina cheekbones (well, nearly) your brows are pretty much on fleek and all that’s left is the dreaded eyeliner. You have a vision in your head, you want a thin, precise line that falls into a small but noticeable flick effortlessly outlining your eye and creating a gorgeous shape. You have your weapon of choice at the ready (pen, liquid, gel) and you’re good to go. First eye goes according to plan, a little wonky in the middle but you can style that out with some mascara, it’s all good. The second however, is a total disaster, you’ve got the makeup wipes out trying to work around the black, smudgy mess you’ve created and within minutes you’ve gone from Angelina Jolie to Kung Fu Panda, your eyes are red raw and you want to cry. Empathising with make -up appliers everywhere that battle this issue on a daily basis, here are a few tips and tricks to avoid your morning meltdown.

1) Vaseline (and a cotton bud)

Realistically, the only way to get perfect liner is to draw a straight line. If you have a naturally steady hand, or are naturally artistic, this will work well to your advantage, and you might be able to outline your eyes with perfect precision. However, if you can’t, don’t worry, it will improve with practice. But for now, apply your eyeliner as best you can, and then correct any wonky line with a cotton bud and a smidge of Vaseline. It basically works as an eraser so you can thin the line out until it’s just how you want it. Magic. (This can also work with a nude coloured eyeliner).

2) Join the dots

Drawing right across your eye in one swoop is often a no go as it makes room for mistakes. However, doing it bit by bit with no guidance, can also be a recipe for disaster. If you draw small dots (no bigger than the width you want the line to be) across the top of your eye, you can then connect these dots. The perfect guide for a straight line. Make sure you angle the dots upwards if you want your liner to flick at the ends.

3) Melt your pencil

The easiest way of applying liner for beginners is probably to use a kohl pencil as there is less chance of smudging, and the pencil is generally easier to control rather than a brush or a liquid pen. However, sometimes the pencil’s texture can be crumbly or generally be a bit tough when applying, which can cause the line to snag. The alternative, which gives you the best of both worlds, is to slightly melt the end of your favourite khol pencil using a lighter/match so that you have the precision of a pencil but the easy glide of a gel. Genius.

4) Spoon/Ruler/anything straight

To get the perfect wing, you must be able to draw a precise, diagonal line up from the eye, which can then be joined by a line over the top. To ensure that line is precise; a quick hack is to place the spoon pointing diagonally upwards from the corner of your eye; You can then draw against the edge of the spoon, and voila, a perfectly straight line.

5) Do it backwards

I know what you’re thinking, if you find it impossible to do it forwards, then how on earth am I going to do it backwards? But doing it backwards is a quick trick that means you can determine the end of your liner and where you want the flick to finish, before you draw on
the rest, essentially getting the tricky bit out of the way first. Once you have done the difficult bit, you can work your way backwards.