

POWER BROWS

There's nothing that will make your face stand out more than a set of really noticeable eyebrows. To help define your brows, without looking like they've been glued on, **Rhea Dhanbhora** gives you some tips and tricks

>> Want your eyebrows to look like Cara Delevingne's? We tell you how you can do that



Thick is in, but don't mistake that for shaggy and unkempt. Current flavour of the runway, Cara Delevingne's style is a mixed bag of quirky, weird and as you've probably noticed, she's a trendsetter when it comes to eyebrows. She's brought thick eyebrows back in style and we're sure you're craving to get your own to behave. For eyebrows that frame your face perfectly, read on.

BEAUTIFUL BROWS

Shaggy brows are anything but beautiful and too thin is out as well. Here's what you need to do to make sure you have the perfect arch.

Pluck it out: If you must shape them, go easy with the plucking. Do only enough to remove any wild hairs. The highest point of your arch should be directly above your pupil. It should taper out at a 45° angle, from the corner of your nose.

Pencil it in: There's a chance the hair will have grown out unevenly, so you'll have to pencil it in carefully. Use short strokes, fill in spots and define the shape — just be careful not to make them too dark or you'll look like you coloured them onto your face. Use a pencil shade that is lighter than your real brow colour.

Colour it in: If you want the perfect look, you'll have to splurge a little and buy an eyebrow colour set. You get powders that can make the brows look lighter or darker, depending on what you're going for (for Cara's look, darker is the way to go) and some can even make them look thicker.

Brush over: Once you've applied the colour, you need to use an angled brush (buy yourself a good eyebrow grooming kit, complete with brushes, for the best look) and follow the natural shape of your eyebrows over with the colour. Make sure you're neat about it or you'll get a hazy outline that will look less than polished.

Settle down: Once you've got your colour and shape right, you need to make sure your brows behave themselves when you're out. All you have to do is blend in the pencil marks and smooth the flyaway hair down with a clear gel. There are several brow setting gels available in the market (MAC has a great one).

THINLY DRAWN

If you were one of the people who went all out on the pencil thin eyebrow trend and are now crying about your inability to ape Cara's brows, don't worry. Leave them alone for a few months and you'll be ready to shape them into the perfect shape again. We know it's tough to think about leaving them to grow wild, but since they're so thin already, it won't look so bad.



Stylist speak

"Eyebrows are an important highlight of your face and should always be maintained and groomed to give your face the perfect look. Looking at the Indian scenario, most women opt to thread their eyebrows rather than pluck. While grooming your eyebrows, remember that it's all about the shape and the arch that you give them. So, always measure your eyebrows for that perfect arch and shape. If there are gaps, fill them in using a matching eyebrow shadow powder. It also helps to darken your eyebrows. You can also set your eyebrows perfectly by using clear mascara in an upward sweeping manner towards the ends. One of the traditional techniques to maintain your eyebrows is to apply castor oil in the night as this helps keep them groomed. Makeup can also be used to give your eyebrows the desired shape, if they're not as thick as you like."

— Fatima Pereira, senior stylist and makeup artist at SAKS salon, Andheri

« JUST OUT!

HIMALAYA INTENSIVE MOISTURISING LOTION

No fancy packaging, no unrealistic claims, this cream delivers exactly what it promises — intense moisturising. It is best for dry skin and even though it's heavy, it gets absorbed very quickly. It left my skin smooth, but without any residue stickiness. The cocoa butter scent is mild and very pleasant. After a week of using this cream, my skin felt noticeably softer and much less dry. This is an ideal moisturiser that can be used by the whole family.

PRICE: ₹130 for 100ml

WHERE: General stores across the city

STAR RATING: *****



« 5 WAYS TO ROCK: AZTEC TREND



>> Kim Kardashian rocks the Aztec print by keeping her accessories simple

1. SKIRT THE TREND

Aztec prints look great on well-fitted A-line skirts, whether short or long. A short Aztec print skirt worn with a solid colour, loose fitting vest is a popular trend among celebrities.

2. MAKE A MARK

A vibrant Aztec print bag or heels in Aztec pattern will be a sure way to turn heads. From sling bags to wallets and heels to wedges, add at least one of these to your wardrobe.

3. COLOUR VS. B/W

Black and white Aztec-inspired clothing is becoming popular nowadays. The triangular print looks more striking with the contrast of black and white. If you're looking for a piece which won't fade out of fashion within months, go with a black and white pattern.

4. TRIBAL JEWELLERY

If you aren't confident about wearing Aztec prints, opt for statement jewellery pieces. You can pick a pair of earrings, a bold necklace or rings and bracelets in the print.

5. DON'T OVERDO

Aztec on Aztec is not a great idea. Wear just one statement piece in the print. It can be either a top, dress, heels, bag or jewellery. Don't wear them all together. You'll kill the power of the print. Make sure you balance it with at least one subtle item.

« THE TOP 5: FLORAL BAGS WE LOVE



1. IN BLOOM

This ivory-suede, hard shell clutch from ASH Haute Couture is intricately designed, with handmade embroidery adding to its floral charm. It's frosted with genuine Swarovski crystals and the weaved leather chain that it comes with is an added bonus.

PRICE: ₹2,130



2. FEMININE CHIC

We love this white and brown floral print sling bag from www.snapdeal.com. It's a throwback to vintage floral prints with its pretty pink roses and is a great bag when you want something subtly floral and chic. It's also great value for money!

PRICE: ₹799



3. BOLD TOUCHES

A pretty floral bag that's big enough to hold everything you need, this bag from W (www.wforwoman.com) is definitely a good buy. It's spacious, feminine and the blue handle adds a bold pop of colour.

PRICE: ₹1,699



4. VINTAGE WONDER

There's nothing that celebrates the floral trend more than this über feminine handbag from Esbeda. The blue fabric, with white polka dots and splashes of pink roses, is extremely pretty and the scarf tied near the handle makes it a stylish option.

PRICE: ₹1,580



5. ETHNIC FLOURISH

Instead of carrying a boring, old travel bag on your weekend trips, invest in this pastel blue bag from Pepe Jeans. The blue, yellow and flesh coloured flower print is more traditional, but extremely stylish.

PRICE: ₹1,999

« CELEB HIT OR MISS: GLYNDA ALVES TAKES GIVES US HER VERDICT ON WHAT THE STARS WORE THIS WEEK



HIT

AMRITA PURI

This is one of the best glitter dresses we've seen lately. While the top has heavy beading, we love how it tapers off towards the hem. The simple black shoes and a pulled back hairstyle compliment her stylish look well. A girl to watch out for.



HIT

ANKITA LOKHANDE

We think the dress is very pretty and shows off Ankita's amazing assets. However, the stole is a bit too much and makes this sexy dress look a little like Ankita's playing dress up. She should have opted for brighter makeup, but alas, chose to stick to nudes!



MISS

SHENAZ TREASURYWALA

The high neck and strawberry animal print make Shenaz look bulky. The tight fit is also unnecessary. Also, we're really over the iron straight hair - a few waves would actually suit this girl. Her shoes are cute though.



MISS

SARA LOREN

A simple dress in slate grey, it's pretty but begs to be accessorised better. And no, not with that hideous duck pout. The shoes look too big and her makeup is too dull. A slick of red lipstick and a statement necklace could have worked wonders for her.



MISS

NEHA DHUPIA

If you're in a fashion fix, take the curtains and pin them up at the hem and wear this over an old swimsuit. Well, that's what Neha does. What's with all the nude makeup too? Come on girls, summer is here. Add some colour, so you'll don't look washed out.