



# Celebrity beauty special: Jennifer Lopez's make-up secrets

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She's one of the world's most photographed women, and singer and actress **Jennifer Lopez** has been pulling out all the stops to make sure she looks immaculate at all times.

Here **Edward Cruz** (hairroomservice.com), one of Jennifer's make-up artists, reveals some of the US star's beauty secrets.

The pair first met on a photo-shoot for American Instyle magazine when Edward was working as a fashion model, and he began working with Jennifer when his friend, the legendary hairstylist **Oribe**, recommended him .

"What astonished me the first time I worked with her as a makeup artist, was seeing her without makeup, and not being able to find a single flaw," he says.

"Her skin is purely smooth and clear," he says. "Her eyes are crystal clear and she literally glows quite lovely. It is clear that Jennifer takes very good care of herself."

The 42-year-old prefers the natural look when it comes to make-up.

"Generally she likes beautiful, clean makeup and hair," he explains. "She wears no-make up well, and isn't afraid to glam it up for performances and evenings.

"Jennifer loves Oribe Hair products and definitely loves makeup. She is actually quite good at putting it on herself."

After years in the public eye, the mother-of-two knows what hair and make-up looks work best for her, so which styles does she like the most?

"My technique of using a brush to apply and buff foundation into her skin to polish it, is something she likes," says Edward.

"I prefer a duo fiber brush to apply and buff foundation into the skin. MAC makes a wonderful Duo Fiber brush.

"Jennifer looks best when her natural beauty is pronounced. At her best, she is highlighted and contoured. I love to see Jennifer's cheekbones highlighted. The superior product for this is MAC Shaping Powder in Accentuate."

With a schedule as busy as Jennifer's, it's difficult to find the time to squeeze in hair and make-up session , but Edward says the star is great at multi-tasking and Edward says her team off stylists often have to be on call all day to ensure

"During a hair and makeup session with Jennifer, she is constantly working on her blackberry, caring for her children and even having meals," he says. "She is 100%"

## Edward's Top Beauty Tip

When applying makeup, start with your eyes. There is so much 'fallout' from eye shadow that it can often be mistaken for darkness underneath the eyes. It's best to first complete the look with eye shadows; wipe the face clean of any unwanted shadow, prep and prime the skin, and go directly into foundation. Set your makeup and finish it off with brushing the brows and mascara. Lips last.

## Edward's Top Five Beauty Products

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- 2) Dior Foundation. It is the best, hands down-all formulas!
- 3) Burberry Beauty has the most incredible blush. The colour choices are perfect, and the scent of the product is addictive.
- 4) Givenchy lip-glosses are the best, colour and formula. They go on smooth, are not sticky and are long wearing.
- 5) Chanel brow pencils are a must. Their colour selection is the most relevant to real eyebrow colour and they do not clump up.

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