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## Mission Impossible: Luscious Lashes

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It began with a dash of lash envy – a friend with eyelashes so thick, they made mine look nonexistent. Thus began my quest for lashes like hers and the introduction to a bevy of products designed to thicken, boost and amplify eyelashes, safely and effectively.



Experts can all agree that curling your lashes make eyes pop. **Sephora's Lower Lash Curler** ([www.sephora.com](http://www.sephora.com)) and **Tarte's Picture Perfect Eyelash Curler** ([www.tartecosmetics.com](http://www.tartecosmetics.com)) were two tools that provided the perfect, lengthening kink-less curl. A good start, but it wasn't enough.



**Fast Lash** from **Japonesque** ([www.japonesque.com](http://www.japonesque.com)) is a surprising alternative to pricier treatments. Its safe, fine and a little strange-at-first fuzz attaches to your lashes to plump and thicken quickly – key for a busy New Yorkers! Feeling like Goldilocks, I wasn't yet satisfied. I needed more!



This led me to explore the world of false lashes. After a few (okay, upwards of 10) trial runs, I mastered the art of application - the trick is to use very little eyelash glue. After testing all types of falsies, ranging from the sublime (full strips of inch-long lashes!) to the ridiculous (purple feathers - seriously.), I decided that lashes from **Scott Barnes** ([www.scottbarnes.com](http://www.scottbarnes.com)), **MAC** ([www.maccosmetics.com](http://www.maccosmetics.com)) and **Shu Uemura** ([www.shuueamura.com](http://www.shuueamura.com)) offer the best selections for your individual taste. With styles ranging from clumps of three to full-on glam girl strips with Swarovski crystals (by Shu), it's impossible not to find a style that works for your needs.

It was on to New Jersey next, where I met **Skyy Hadley** at **Hoboken's As U Wish Nail Spa** ([www.asuwishnailspa.com](http://www.asuwishnailspa.com)), where I was treated to a professional application of **Xtreme Lashes**. Lash by individual lash, Skyy gently applied a full set with a bonding agent safe for everyone and in just 90 minutes, my eyelashes went from little to lush – mission accomplished!



With the abuse to which I'd subjected my lashes, I stashed away a single product for redemption, once my Xtreme Lashes gradually fall out in about a month. After a month of experimenting, **DermaQuest's** nourishing **DermaLash** ([www.dermaquestinc.com](http://www.dermaquestinc.com)) promises to promote growth, strengthen lashes and prevent future breakage – essentials for my poor, abused lash line. I'll report back in six weeks on the effectiveness of this twice daily treatment – stay tuned!