

beauty in a blink

Wink 'em. Bat 'em. Flaunt 'em. Get totally wicked lashes with mascara, semi-permanents or falsies. **By Ann Brown**

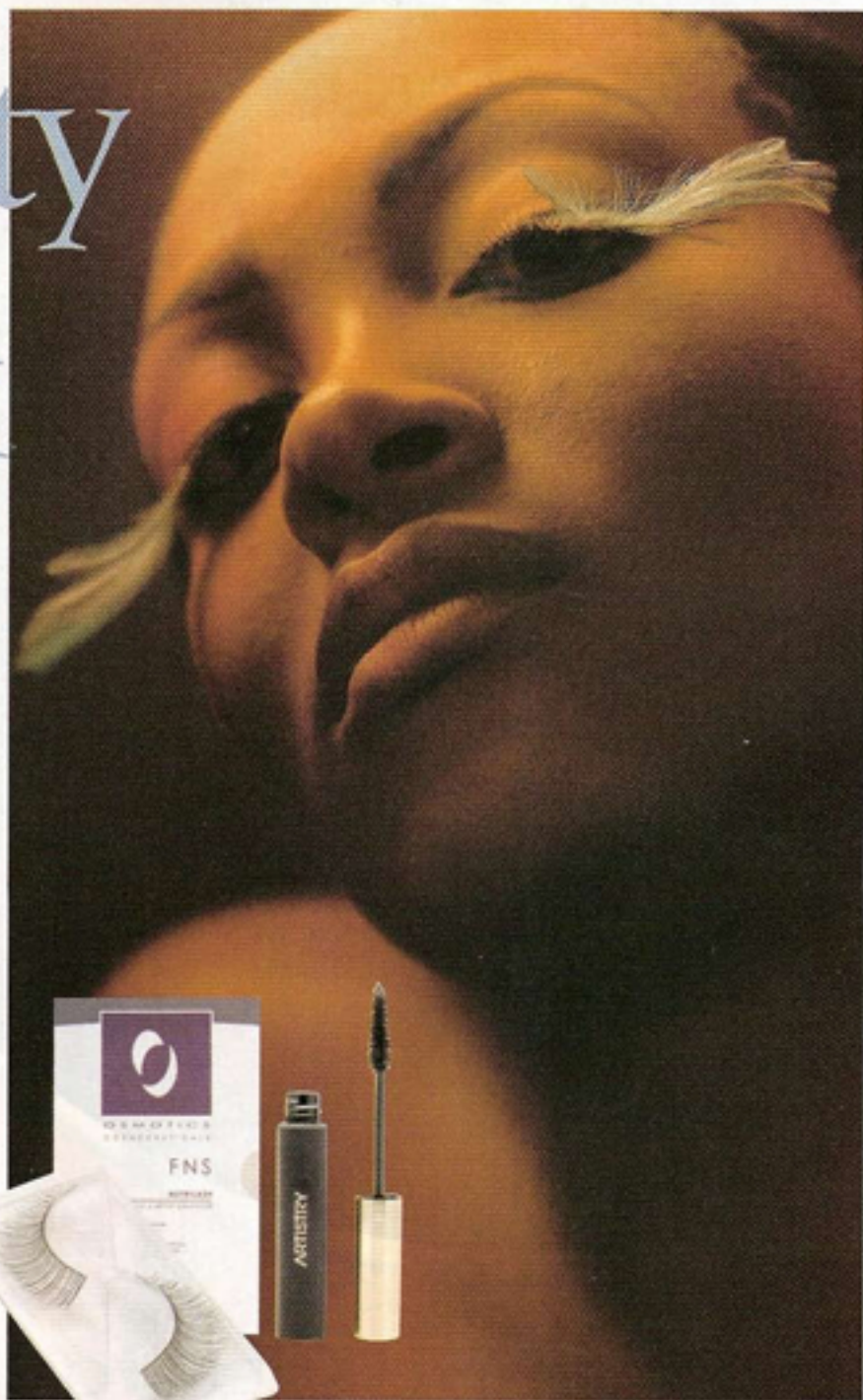
Pump It Up You can add volume, length, shine or color with mascara, but it's all about application. Experts from Artistry Skincare Cosmetics say to use an eyelash curler; start at base of top lash, move wand back and forth, then stroke upward and outward (use same method for bottom lashes); and separate lashes. Remove excess mascara with an eyebrow/lash brush.

Luxe Lashes According to Blue Medspa in Atlanta (bluemedspa.com), eyelash extensions can add about one-half or one-third of length to your natural eyelashes. The better quality ones are water-resistant plus you can apply mascara to them (stick to water-based). Application takes about 60 to 90 minutes and lasts for about six to eight weeks. Expect to pay anywhere from \$150 to \$500. Touch-ups are only \$40 to \$50. Check out Xtreme Lashes (xtremelashes.com or call 800-BIG-LASH).

Fake It If all else fails, try adhesives. Apply a small amount of lash glue to the base of lash—otherwise you may get it in your eye or glue your eyes shut. Then place the lashes close to your lash line. Remove with makeup remover—never pull from your lids. Try Dianne Brill Lash Lingerie Lash Extensions (diannebrill.com), or Black Radiance Fantastic Fakes on for size. Visit Shu Uemura's Lash Bar (shuuemura.com) for professional help. They offer a whole counter of fabulous fakes starting at \$20.

Whatever method you use, keep your lashes healthy. Try Osmotics Nutrilash to stimulate healthy growth or use Vaseline to remove mascara.

To avoid eye infections, never share and throw out your mascara after four weeks of usage.



Osmotics Nutrilash, Artistry Mascara and Black Radiance Fantastic Fakes