

Eyes Have It As Lashes Get Longer

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IF like me you've always hated applying (and removing) mascara, it's time to think about a set of false eyelashes. You can buy stick-on ones but the risk is it ends up on your cheek doing a caterpillar impression while you are none the wiser. I decided to try out the creme de la creme of false lashes for the party season. I was thrilled at the prospect of waking up without panda eyes after failing to remove my mascara.

Xtreme Lash Semipermanent Eyelash Extensions are not cheap. At £160 for the initial treatment it's a luxury, but it's one that is worth indulging in.

I arrived at the clinic and after a consultation with Christine I decided to go for a dramatic yet natural look. I was soon tucked up on a treatment table (with duvet) as she prepared my lashes for the extensions.

During the procedure, which takes two and a half hours, Christine added 80 extensions to my own lashes. I fell asleep, hence the reason for the duvet.

The result was worth the wait. My eyes look bigger and there is no need to wear mascara. Just a little spruce up with a lash brush in the morning and I am ready to go. For nights out, a bit of eyeliner is all that's needed.

I have had people comment on how fabulous and natural they look. Ten days later, they are still there and should last me through the festive season.

Christine suggests a top up two to three weeks after application and your first one is free. After that, top ups range from £30 to £65 and take one to one and a half hours.

Xtreme Lashes are perfect for a bride-to-be who wants a dramatic look on her wedding day and a hassle-free honeymoon, or for your holidays you can chuck away your waterproof mascara.

Christine still has appointments available between now and New Year's Eve. Call the Face & Body Cosmetic Clinic on 0845 0705538 or visit www.faceandbody.co.uk or Christine's site: www.makeupbychris.co.uk