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Create a Beauty Station for Your Bridesmaids

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The day you say, "I do" is, well, all about you. But don't forget, your bridesmaids will be making their debut and deserve to look and feel beautiful too. Having a professional makeup artist on hand can be pricey, especially if you have a big bridal party. Instead, why not give them the tools to do their own makeup? Here, tips to create a DIY bridal party beauty station.

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Fill the counter with the products you love. "They don't have to be uber-expensive, but they should be long-lasting, good for skin and colors you're comfortable wearing yourself," says [Stacey Schieffelin](#), founder of [ybf beauty](#) on HSN.

Must-Have Skincare Products

Go for Variety

Let each girl pick the look she wants (within reason), rather than having all paint one uniform face. "Every makeup application should be suited to the wearer and the individual personality," says NYC [New York Color Makeup Artist, Mathew Nigara](#). "You can make them cohesive by having the overall effect be similar in feeling," he says. Perhaps your bridesmaids would all do a romantic beachy look or a dramatic eye, for example.

5 Stay-Put Makeup Products

Stock Up On Supplies

Make sure you provide a wide range of products and tools, says Nigara. Set out liquid and powder foundations, eye shadow palettes, mascaras, lipsticks and lip glosses in different shades, eyeliners and concealers. Don't forget all the necessary accoutrements like sponges, cotton swabs, cotton balls, makeup remover, baby wipes and shout wipes in case of any spills, smudges or excess shadow that falls on dresses, says Nigara.

How to Be Your Own Makeup Artist

Look for Natural Lighting

Set up your station in a room with windows, since natural light is the truest reflection of the way your makeup will look, says Schieffelin. This will help your bridesmaids get a better idea of the colors they select, and blending and contouring will be seamless.

Makeup Tips to Look More Awake

The best, most cost-conscious way to set up a beauty station is to buy kits that include multi-shades and products so your 'maids have lots of makeup to choose from. Here, six of our favorites: