

# MAKEUP BRUSHES

THE COMPLETE FUNCTIONAL GUIDE



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To Mila,

*My heart and smiles.*

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR

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I remember visiting the department store in high school and seeing the fliest artists at the makeup counter. I was a bit intimidated because they were so gorgeous. But in typical fashion, I didn't let that stop me from starting a conversation. I would go when the store wasn't busy so that I could pick their brains. Now, this was back in the day when I couldn't afford department store brushes. At the counter, a young lady suggested a more affordable line of brushes called Sonia Kashuk, an exclusive line at Target. Many years later, I still use this brand, and it has a very nostalgic place in my kit and heart. Brushes were one of the first things I fell in love with as an artist. At the time, if you had a brush belt around your waist with more brushes than fingers, in my head, you were a professional. The only people I saw with that many brushes were real makeup artists, and to me, that was "goals."

I always want to create value just like that artist did for me. Combine that with my passion for educating, and it's the perfect cocktail for offering useful information that a lot of people need. It's a win-win. When I offer classes and private one-on-ones, a common challenge for my students and clients is not knowing the right brush to use. Over the years, I've learned so much from other artists, and I am still learning to this day. I don't know everything, but it's my goal to share what I do know and my responsibility to pay it forward. I hope this guide is as fun reading as it was creating. I am proud to present to you, Makeup Brushes: The Complete Functional Guide.

# FACE BRUSHES

## FOUNDATION BRUSH

A synthetic brush is best for all applications, to avoid product absorption. A dense and compact foundation brush is excellent for maximum coverage—like a kabuki brush. Apply your product all over, then gently blend in small circular motions. This technique will decrease the visibility of pores and prevent product streaks. Be mindful of cleansing and disinfecting a minimum of once a week to avoid bacteria.

## POWDER BRUSH

The fluffier and softer, the better. A tapered powder brush is ideal for setting powder below the eyes and around the nose. Be sure not to use too big of a brush, i.e., body brushes.

## HIGHLIGHTER/BLUSH

Again, synthetic brush is excellent for multiple formula products like blush. Whether it is a cream or powder, a good blush brush is tapered and non-dense to prevent over application. You want a diffused and natural-looking flush of color, not a bruise.

## BRONZER BRUSH

An asymmetrical tapered shape is ideal because it adds dimension for a simultaneously wide and narrow placement in one tool.





# DETAIL BRUSHES

## CONCEALER BRUSH

Gentle apply concealer with a dense and fluffy brush. Deposit the product then blend the edges for natural-looking corrective results.



## BLENDING BRUSH

This multi-use tool is great for both the face and the eyes. Use it to blend concealer or eyeshadow—a tapered dome shape results in a more detailed and defined application.



## DEPOSITOR BRUSH

This is the perfect tool to deposit lots of products. Ideal for applying eyeshadow base or a concentrated amount of shadow on the lid. Also great for defining the edges of brows and lips.



## DETAIL BRUSH

This multi-use tool can be used to smudge eyeliner or apply shadow to small areas like the tear duct. Great for a precise lip applicator as well.



# EYE + LIP BRUSHES

## PRECISE CREASE

A cylinder-shaped mini brush blends and creates definition at the same time. Great for a cut crease or smaller eye shapes.



## EYELINER BRUSH

This brush can be found in most pro kits and available at your local craft store. A longer eyeliner brush draws precise lines and is excellent with gels and liquid formulas. Lay the brush along your lash line, swipe, and release—it does the hard work for you.



## EYEBROW BRUSH

Nothing more classic than a spoolie brush. Ideal for taming brow hairs and separating lashes. Great for a quick fix. Use an angled brush to apply powder or gel products in the brow, then blend with spiral end to separate and define hairs.



## LIP BRUSH

Dense synthetic detail brush is ideal for lip product application. Pro tip: To prevent a harsh line around the edges of lips, blend the liner with a lip brush, then follow with your favorite lipstick and or gloss.



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# FEATURED BRUSHES

LISTED IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

## FACE BRUSHES

1. Make Up For Ever™ Kabuki Pro Bronze Fusion [shop here](#)
2. Sonia Kashuk™ Professional Stippling Foundation Makeup Brush No. 124 [shop Here](#)
3. Sonia Kashuk™ Professional Large Powder Makeup Brush No. 100 [shop here](#)
4. Sonia Kashuk™ Professional Tapered Powder Makeup Brush No. 107 [shop here](#)
5. Sonia Kashuk™ Professional Small Highlighting Brush No. 148 [shop here](#)
6. Sonia Kashuk™ Professional Bronzing Brush No. 129 [shop here](#)

## DETAIL BRUSHES

7. Sonia Kashuk™ Professional Buffing Concealer Makeup Brush No. 151 [shop here](#)
8. Sonia Kashuk™ Professional Rounded Crease Brush No. 220 [shop here](#)
9. Sonia Kashuk™ Professional Tapered Crease Brush No. 230 [shop here](#)
10. Sonia Kashuk™ Professional Large Eyeshadow Brush No. 207 Black [shop here](#)
11. Sonia Kashuk™ Professional Detail Smudge Brush No. 231 [shop here](#)

## EYE + LIP BRUSHES

12. Cozzette S185 MINI EYE CONTOUR, SERIES S [shop here](#)
13. Zen™ All Media Short Handle Liner Brush Size 0 [shop here](#)
14. Make Up For Ever Fine Eyeliner Brush [shop here](#)
15. Make Up For Ever Double-Ended Angled Eyebrow and Eyelash Brush 274 [shop here](#)
16. Make Up For Ever Precision Crease Brush Small-214 [shop here](#)

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