

# HOLIDAY GLITZ

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'Tis the season for reverie, when old songs come back to haunt you. Remember when Bette Midler sang: "If I could be granted a wish, I'd shine in your eye like a jewel?" Well, this is one dream that's about to come true: 2006 holiday makeup collections take all the good stuff out of the vault. Sparkling gems serve as inspiration, from ruby lips to deep, topaz-blue eyes to opaline highlighters, all against a backdrop of glittering gold, silver and platinum effects. Remember the all-important rule: Pick one area – cheeks, lips or eyes – to serve as the crowning jewel of your look. Lavish it with multi-karat sparkle and let the rest of the face serve as the softly gleaming setting.

**EYES:** Test your metal. Holiday palettes have undergone a renaissance of rich colours, with sparkling undertones derived from the mineral kingdom. Apply a gem-toned or metallic shadow of choice in the eye crease to add depth, then continue toward the lash line. Finish with a final sweep under the eyes. Or, you might opt to downplay colour on the upper lid, à la the trend set on Nina Ricci runways, using a line of striking colour along the lower lashline and blending downward. Add a stroke of liquid eyeliner to the top lid only, then coat lashes, top and bottom, with a high-performance mascara. Falsies (as in eyelashes) are optional this year.

**1 - Laura Mercier Micro Mini Eye Paints in Dawn \$30, exclusive to Holt Renfrew. 2 - Lancôme Hypnose mascara in black, \$28.50. 3 - Prescriptives Absolute Eyes kit, with your choice of False Eyelashes Plush Mascara or Beyond Long Maximum Length Mascara, \$36, exclusively at Holt Renfrew. 4 - Lise Watier Eye Glitter eyeliner in Opale or Black Diamond, \$16.50. 5 - Nars Duo Eyeshadow in Belly Dance, \$38. 6 - Yves Saint Laurent Eyeliner Moiré in Bronze Reflections, \$36, exclusively at Holt Renfrew.**

**FACE:** Multi-faceted reflections. Precious little compacts for milady's powder are a holiday tradition that's hard to resist. Each a petit bijou unto itself, harkening to a time when each purse held one, and powdering the nose was almost theatre. Which is not to say the styling today need be old hat, as there are sleek contemporary options. For the holidays, the outer reflects the inner, as powders come alive with splendent brilliance, glints of gold, a cascade of diamonds or white sapphires. Since the look

this year is to keep the foundation on the sheer side, a shimmering powder will ensure you remain luminous and radiant, even as you dance the night away.

**7 - Lancôme Blush Subtil Mosaïque in Peach, \$36. 8 - Giorgio Armani Midnight Shimmer Powder in soft gold, \$53, exclusively at Holt Renfrew. 9 - Clarins Forever Diamonds light shimmer powder compact, \$39. 10 - Benefit Valley of the Stars mini iridescent highlighter kit, \$34 at select The Bay and Shoppers Drugmart stores. 11 - Guerlain La Poudre C'est Moi, jewel-faceted compact holds pressed powder with white sapphire sparkles, \$90. 12 - Estée Lauder limited-edition powder compacts, at select Holt Renfrew stores, (top to bottom, left to right) Jewelled Tartan Compact, \$225, Precious Gift Compact, \$160, Glistening Snow Compact, \$140, Golden Jewelled Tartan Compact, \$140. 13 - Elizabeth Arden Shimmer Powder with Brush, \$40.**

**LIPS:** Hit the matte. Strong, unambiguous colour is in, high shine is on the ropes. That's not to say you should toss the gloss altogether. But do use sparingly, perhaps just to add a little holiday gleam to the middle of the lower lip. Although some will prefer a pale pout, ruby-red emerges as a clear favourite for the holidays, adding a sultry richness. No need to wrestle with lipliner, either. It remains optional, ceding to the more natural, just-dabbed-on look seen on so many runways, including Dell'Acqua and Etro. And today's high-tech formulas can stand up to a little mistletoe action.

**14 - Bobbi Brown Limited Edition Shimmer Brick and Lip Kit, \$75 exclusively at Holt Renfrew. 15 - La Prairie Cellular Luxe Lip Colour in Grenadine, \$70 exclusively at Holt Renfrew. 16 - Lipstick from the MAC Couture collection in Red No. 5, \$26. 17 - Chanel Lèvres Multifacettes lipstick palette, in festive shades to mix or match, limited edition, \$55. 18 - Dior Addict Ultra-Gloss in Lick of Taffy, \$27. 19 - La Prairie Cellular Lip Line Plumper, \$86, available at Holt Renfrew. 20 - Giorgio Armani Black Gem collection lipstick in Raspberry, \$39, exclusively at Holt Renfrew. 21 - Estée Lauder Pure Color Crystal Lipstick in limited edition shade of Golden Nude, \$30.**



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