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## AY YÉS TO JMMER BLACK!

Dear Jeanne, Is all black still OK? Even in the summer? (I may be in a dark rut.) Kristie

Dear Kristie,

I have to start this one off with an apology: I'm sorry that I happen to adore wearing black. I'm sorry, but it's so dramatic and timeless and sexy and elegant, and that wearing it makes me feel perfectly dressed on occasions when I might be feeling a tad insecure. I'm sorry that black is forever chic, and that it ultimately makes me look and feel thinner. It also slims me down on television and in photographs. Sorry about that. Whew!

So now that I've made my apologies, I'll attempt to answer your question.

First of all, black is seasonless. Head-to-toe black lends an instant air of gravitas, and many women wouldn't even try to carry it off. But if you like black, there's no reason you should abandon it in the summer. What you might want to do is perk up your outfit—and your spirits with a jolt of colour. Brights have never been hotter and look amazing against black, as do pastels. But beige and khaki are especially cool complements to black. Whether the colour comes from your jewellery or your shoes, a scarf, bag or belt, it's fun to give a nod to playfulness and lighten things up in this manner. And, of course, white and black is an elegant combination that always speaks of high style and classic glamour, making a hip, graphic statement.

It's good that you realize you might be in a bit of a rut. It's so easy to play it safe and get locked into a boring image of ourselves. And when it comes to shopping, it's much simpler to go for black basics we know can survive in our wardrobes year in and year out. I have to admit that I tire of my red and purple pieces much more easiyou do as much travelling as I do, that's important. Just stay away from white dogs that shed!

Navsayers are eager to point out that it gets too hot to wear black in the summer. But I recently came across a scientific theory that claims it's cooler to wear black than white in the heat. While white clothing reflects the sun's rays, it can also reflect our own body heat and, therefore, really cook us.

If you're determined to stick with black, go for light, diaphanous fabrics. You'll also want a lower, open neckline (and no long sleeves, of course). I also wouldn't suggest black hose in the summer-that's just a little too Sicilian widow for me.-Jeanne

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Straw bags remind us of the

beach. This ladylike shape is

work-appropriate with the leather trim and polished

hardwear. Kate Spade bag, \$328, holtrenfrew.com

IT'S NOT THE HEAT, IT'S THE HUMIDITY. Look "wow" not wilted this summer with these pro tips BY JANINE FALCON

Physicians Formula Mineral Wear Talc-Free Airbrushing Pressed Powder, \$20, at drugstores physiciansformula.com. Clinique Stay-Matte Oil-Free Makeup, \$28,

oe Fresh Beauty Shee Γint in Porcelain, \$12, Duo Lash Plump Mascara, \$8 Bronzer in Golden, \$8 Cream Blush in Bloom, Shine Lipstick in Rose and cotton knit tank top, \$29, all joefresh.com

Translucent Powder, \$8, Gel Eye Liner in Black, \$8, Matte Lipstick in Orange, \$6, and polyesterblend dress \$29 joefresh.com. Metal necklace,

ot weather is arguably the most difficult circumstance under which to look fresh and polished. Yet we are inspired by celebrities who remain effortlessly radiant on every red carpet they meet. Take last month's Cannes Film Festival for example, where beauties from the likes of the blonde and statuesque Karolina Kurkova to the sultry Mexican model and nouveau movie star Ximena **Navarrete** posed in the Mediterranean sunshine. We can learn from them. According to the celebrity makeup artists on our speed dial, there are ways to stay gorgeous despite the heat and haze.

#### PRIME FIRST

If you've got great skin, instead of foundation, try layering primers, which blur imperfections and control shine. "I use a hydrating primer, then a luminizing primer to give myself a glow," says Smashbox global artist Lori Taylor.

#### **POWDER LIGHTLY**

On bridal clients, L'Oréal Paris pro Eddie Malter **starts** with a super-light layer of powder dusted on with a fluffy brush. He lets it sit for a few minutes, then applies concealer and so on. "It gives the makeup something to stick to and creates a barrier between oil and pigment so everything lasts longer," he says.

#### RETHINK CONCEALER

Instead of concealer, try mattifying foundation or a BB cream. "Put it under eyes, on redness around the nose, and a little on the chin," says Sarah Lucero, makeup artist and global creative director for Stila. Foundation and BB creams have lighter textures, good staying power and look seamless on skin.

#### SPICE IT UP

For a simple smoky eye, try patting cinnamoncoloured shadow on lids and sweeping it along lower lash lines, suggests Rebecca Restrepo, Eliabeth Arden's global makeup artist. "Cinnamon has vibrancy—it's not too brown." TRY: Elizabeth Arden Beautiful Colour Eye Shadow in Cinnamon, \$24, canada.elizabetharden.com.

#### TRY A GEL EYELINER

Intensify the upper lashlines with a long-wear gel liner. For a stay-put intense smoky look, apply a broad stroke of gel liner, then immediately blend out over the lid with shimmery shadow. (It's best to complete one lid before doing the other.) TRY: Bobbi Brown Long-Wear Gel Eyeliner in Black Ink, \$26, murale. ca

#### **BLUSH NATURALLY**

A cheek stain will give cheeks weightless, natural colour. "If you sweat or get greasy, it isn't going to move or get blotchy," says Lucero. TRY: Stila Passion Fruit Crush Lip & Cheek Stain, \$32, shoppersdrugmart.ca, murale.ca

#### CREATE A STAY-PUT POUT

Finish with a seriously long-wear lipstick. If the shade you love isn't a stay-put, Malter has this trick: apply liner all over lips, blot, apply lipstick with a brush, dust with a light layer of powder, then top with a final thin layer of colour. TRY: L'Oréal Paris Le Rouge Infallible 10Hr lipstick in Charismatic Coral, \$13, lorealparis.ca

#### BEAUTY

### OL-PROOF BEAUTY

The beach beckons! Make a splash with these waterproof essentials

Waterproof makeup is a smart summer switch-up, because it stands up to all kinds of moisture: from sweat to humidity to dips in the pool. In short, it's the best way to ensure you look polished and put together all summer long. Here are some of our smudge-free, waterproof staples



#### **BRILLIANT BRONZE**

It's tricky to find a powder bronzer that doesn't wilt with the humidity. This matte formula glides on smoothly and lasts all day. One densely pigmented universal shade calls for a light hand if you're fair. Hourglass Cosmetics Superficial Waterproof Bronzer in Mirage, \$52, hourglasscosmetics.com

SHADOW PLAY Summer makeup should be easy and nothing is more of a cinch than these waterproof eyeshadow pencils. The broad tip means you can quickly sweep shadow over the whole lid and thanks to a combo of waxes, oil and polymers, a flexible film locks out water for crease-proof colour. Make Up For Ever Aqua Shadow in 22E (Copper) and 20E (Taupe), \$23, makeupforever.com, sephora.com



WATER BABY

While technically not waterproof, these are about as water-resistant as lipsticks come. Lips look dewy, not dry. One caveat: you don't have a lot of play time before colour sets, so make haste (or use a lip brush to be more exacting). M.A.C Pro Longwear Lipcreme in Good to Go (orange) and Love Forever! (pink), \$20 each maccosmetics.com



#### STAY COVERED

Thanks to the water-repelling formula of this highly pigmented concealer, imperfections are blurred away without settling in pores or fine lines. Suits normal to dry skin, while a dusting of powder will work for oilier complexions. Tarte Maracuja Oil Creaseless Waterproof Concealer, \$31, tartecosmetics.com, sephora.com

#### ARCH ANGEI

The ultra-fine tip of this pen allows you to feather in colour to subtly groom brows without looking overdone. There's no smudging, no running. Stila Stay All Waterproof Brow Color, \$27, stila.com, shoppersdrugmart.ca, sephora.com



This cheek stain is water-resistant and has stay-put prowess to withstand blazing summer days. We love the happy coral shade it's flattering on every skin tone. Benefit Cha Cha Tint Coral Lip & Cheek Stain, \$36, benefit.com



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## PINKMEUP

When you're only wearing a swimsuit, let your accessories do the fashion talking

LEFT TO RIGHT: Havianas Maran rubber flip-flops, \$28, littleburgundyshoes. com. Virginia Johnson merino-wool lobster-print shawl, \$195, virginiajohnson. com. Straw sun hat, \$20, winners.ca. Le Château plastic bangles, \$15 each, lechateau.com. Call It Spring floral-print sunglasses, \$12, callitspring.com. Lacoste Concept medium PVC shopping bag. \$125, townshoes.com









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Essie Nail Polish in Sugar Daddy, \$10, essie.com



BOOK A MAKEUP PRO



great makeup artists and always ask a lot of questions. But anyone can get some face time with a makeup artist to learn some new tricks. You should have your makeup done by a pro.

**Revolution Organics** 

\$37. greenbeauty.ca

Freedom Glow Beauty Balm,

You can sometimes work directly with a makeup artist by booking them through an agency—many will come to your home or workplace. *The Kit* contributing editor, Janine Falcon, suggests asking around for recommendations from pals. As well, many makeup counters will book tutorials. Falcon urges you to do your homework and bring along pictures from magazines of models or celebs with makeup you like.

I booked my lesson with Toronto-based makeup artist Michelle Rosen. When she showed up looking great, I was reminded of what everyone I spoke to about this column had to say: look at the makeup of the artist you're thinking of working with. We emptied our makeup bags on my desk. "Most people don't have the right tools and that's 80% of the application process." First order of business: get a foundation brush. It allows you to apply base in sheer layers. You'll need a soft blush brush, a firm angled brush for brows and eyeliner and a blending brush for eyeshadow.

It was a bit nerve-wracking putting on my makeup as Rosen watched and coached. My first mistake? Facing away from the light streaming in my office window. "Always put your mirror right by a window." Second tip of the day: dot the tiniest bit of concealer all around the eyes—not just underneath them—to cover dark circles. Pat gently with clean fingertips. "It just cleans up the whole eye," says Rosen and it's so true! About to sweep a brush full of blush onto my cheeks, Rosen stopped me and had me first brush a bit onto the back of my hand to take off the excess. Brilliant. You can always build up colour rather than having to blend off clownish circles. When I picked up an eyeliner pencil, she handed me an angled brush, saying, "I never use the pencil directly." I put colour on the brush then pushed it into my lash line for a defined but natural look. Each step in my makeup ended up being tweaked in some small way.

I often think that I'm a beauty-school drop out purely because of my laziness. But I tried the whole thing on my way out the next night, and it took me less than 10 minutes.





#### FOR THE GYM-GOER

Schwartzkopf brightens up the shower stall, at home or at the gym, with a full line of new 3D MENSION products. The two-in-one route via the Hair and Body Shampoo is fast and easy lathers well and smells great (i.e. not too uptowny). \$15, at drugstores



#### FOR THE SHUTTERBUG

If capturing every moment is his thing, this messenger has an outer fabric treated for easy cleaning, water repellency and durability. The inside compartments are padded and adjustable but fully removable. PKG leather and canvas The Royalty DSLR Bag, \$300, blackcrowncollection.com



These brightly printed handkerchiefs by Canadian designer Avril Loreti boast four different (and slightly cheeky) moustache styles. Avril Loreti Modern Home cotton handkerchief, \$15, avrilloreti.com

FOR THE BON VIVANT

#### FOR THE SPORTSMAN

With a helium escape valve and a scratch-resistant crystal face, this is perfect for the adventurer. As the timekeeper of the London Games and Michael-Phelps-approved (he's brand ambassador), this will take you from work to weekend. Omega Seamaster Planet Ocean watch, \$6,200, omegawatches.com

#### MEN'S FRAGRANCE

### GOOD SPORTS

This Father's Day, treat your nearest and dearest father figure to a fragrance that gets a bit sporty

Intensity, virility, freedom and passion: this season's current crop of masculine scents take the requirements for athletic excellence—energy, character and integrity—as inspiration. The olfactory metaphor: citrus top notes, aromatics and rich, lasting woods and musks.





Givenchy Play Sport is an energizing yet elegant scent, which begins with bergamot, mint and ginger, moves to wood and pepper and evolves to a classic musky base. EDT \$85 (100 ml), at Shoppers Drug Mart, Sephora and The Bay.



For your inner surfer, Davidoff Cool Water Man Pure Pacific taps the ocean for inspiration: citrus mixes with aromatic basil, sage and juniper. EDT \$87 (125 ml). Limited Edition. At select Sears locations.



Kenzo Homme Sport links to the healthy thinking of sportminded types with its aromatic greeting of citrus and mint, its ginger and geranium heart and its grounded, woody base of cedar and vetiver. EDT \$90 (100 ml), kenzo.com



Issey Miyake L'Eau d'Issey Pour Homme Sport speaks to sport in the elemental outdoors: bergamot and grapefruit suggest the open air; nutmeg is earth; vetiver and cedar speak to fire. EDT \$95 (100 ml), at Issey Miyake retailers.



Hugo Boss Boss Bottled Sport aims to mirror the sportsman's competitive mind: zesty citrus defines the top notes; aromatics and an aldehydic mist form the heart, and a base is expressed with vetiver, Tonka bean and patchouli. EDT \$88 (100 ml), hugoboss.com



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Sport is a gutsy spritz,
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## 7 Ways to Get Out the Door **FASTER**

Always in a rush? (We know, we've been known to hit the snooze button once or twice, too.) Here's how you can reach escape velocity in the morning faster -AND STILL LOOK GORGEOUS



We've all hopped out of the shower only to realize we forgot to shave our legs or underarms. If you're in a rush, grab the Panasonic Touch Up Shaver. It's batteryoperated and requires no water, soap or attention to detail. \$40, Future Shop, Home Outfitters, Personal Edge

If you'll skip breakfast but not curling your lashes, Revion Spotlight Eye Lash Curler with LED Light Feature is your new best friend. The light ensures you curl your lashes without pinching your lid. \$10, revlon.ca

At-home teeth-whitening systems have come a long way. The **Tanda Pearl Ionic Teeth Whitening System** takes 50 minutes for good whitening results—or you can use it five minutes twice a day for 10 days. Ionic technology whitens teeth from the inside out rather than UV rays or bleach, both of which cause sensitivity. \$195, thebay.com

The best way to save face is to do a weekly masque before bed. But if you're too tired, **Dermalogica Age Smart** Overnight Repair Serum really comes to the rescue. Offering the same effects as a hydrating masque, this serum goes on and stays on all night. While you sleep, it repairs broken capillaries, hydrates and stimulates collagen production, so you wake up with dewy, glowing skin. \$88, dermalogica.ca

BB creams may be the beauty buzzword this season, but Stila **Bronzing Tinted Moisturizer takes** the miracle-working properties of a BB cream one step further by adding a bronzing element. You'll not only smooth, conceal and protect skin from UV rays, you'll also get a healthy glow. \$42, murale.ca, shoppersdrugmart.ca

Sometimes, the last thing you have time for is your hair. But if you can't possibly wear it in a ponytail for the third day in a row, wash it, then use the Goody QuikStyle Paddle Brush, like a towel and brush in one. The chamois is incorporated into the bristles, so as you brush, it soaks up to 30% of excess moisture, giving you a head start on blowdrying. \$16, goody.com

\$42. murale.ca. shoppersdrugmart.ca

Then, speed up your blowdry time with the Moroccanoil Professional Blowdryer. Not only will it last for years longer than a cheap dryer, it will save you hours of drying time. Used backstage at New York Fashion Week as well as a favourite at Blo blow-dry bars (known for their speedy service), this dryer packs 1,800 watts and ceramic-tourmaline technology. Plus, the nano-ion technology eliminates frizz and adds shine. \$200, at professional salons

## news this we

## PRADALIKES PRESTIGE

One of the most covetable Italian fashion brands has recently approved fakes. Prada CEO (and husband to designer Miuccia Prada) Patrizio Bertelli told business publication Bloomberg.com: "Fake goods aren't totally bad," saying that creating counterfeit bags creates jobs. "We don't want to be a brand that nobody wants to copy," he added.



Designers Brian Wolk and Claude Morais of New York fashion label Ruffian enjoy a cult following for their runway manicures. When models started sneaking out with their high-style pressons post-show, they saw an opportunity. Ruffian teams up with M.A.C this season to offer up prestige nails in three chic styles. 24 nails, \$30, maccosmetics.com



## ANNTAYLOR TOP MODEL IN CANADA HIRES BRYAD

American retailer Ann Taylor, known for preppy, wearable office-wear is opening two stores in Toronto this fall. Celebrity fans of the line include First Lady Michelle Obama, Angelina Jolie, Rachel McAdams and Katie Holmes. Shoppers can expect a mix of ladylike Banana Republic and trendy French Connection.



After firing America's Top Model mainstays J. Alexander, Jay Manuel and Nigel Barker, host, producer and creator Tyra Banks has hired fashion blogger Bryan Grey Yambao, a.k.a Bryan Boy. Rarely seen without a handbag in tow, Bryan Boy even has a Marc Jacobs bag named after him.







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"Sexy, classic. I love that Mad Men style silhouette."

Angela hen Campagnoni walks into a room, people notice. Pushed into modelling by her parents, she went on to study fashion before designing clothes for 12 years. She then bought Halifax agency City Models and got to play vet another role in the city's fashion scene.

Campagnoni created Atlantic Fashion Week in 2008, and the event has grown exponentially, now covered by all the Canadian media. "I wanted to create an event that would help showcase local designers, as well as the models I was representing," she says. Sweethearts of the Toronto fashion scene Chloe Comme Paris first showed there, its founders having studied at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. "It is awesome to see how they are taking off. I feel like a parent watching her kids graduate," she says of the design team.

Campagnoni is excited by the changes she sees in the Halifax fashion scene. "We don't have a lot of designer boutiques yet, except for Turbine, but we have interesting collectives: Indie Boutique and Pretty Things Boutique; many designs are made in house." Campagnoni is also a woman who believes in clothes that shows off a woman's curves. "So many powerful women are afraid to be sexy, because they don't think they'll be taken as seriously, but I don't believe that at all. They'd feel fantastic if they dressed that way and own it," she says. "You don't show off your curves."



Angela Campagnoni has a finger on the pulse of the east-coast fashion scene by Lola Augustine Brown

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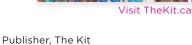
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