



# BRIDAL HANDBOOK





# THE TRIAL

- Schedule your trial 1–2 months before the wedding date. Doing it too early can lead to ‘over shopping’ and you second-guessing your look.
- Pair it with your dress fitting. This helps you see the full bridal look come together! If this isn’t possible, we recommend wearing white or your dress colour to the trial.
- Use realistic references. for your hair & makeup. Pinterest is great for inspiration, but so many of these images are highly edited. Go through our page and select looks we’ve done that you like! Remember to look at inspiration that has similar skin tones and hair to you.
- Discuss what you like and don’t like from each look. We will then be able to tailor a look to suit YOUR features and skin tone!
- Limit outside opinions. Too much input can be overwhelming. This is YOUR day—choose what makes you feel beautiful!





# TRIAL PREP

- Avoid having any treatments done to your skin or hair within 24–48 hours before your trial. This keeps your skin calm and prepped for makeup.
- Arrive with clean skin and dry hair. A fresh base ensures the best results.
- Stick to your skincare routine. Don't start any new skincare regimes so close to your trial or big day. We don't want any reactions!
- For hair, come with one-day-old dry hair unless otherwise discussed. Please avoid doing any swimming, running or sweaty activities right before the trial as this will impact the texture of your hair
- Avoid straightening or blow-drying your hair unless you plan to do so on wedding morning!
- Bring all bridal accessories. This helps finalize your hairstyle and overall look.



# TIMELINES

- Your 'ready by' time is not your ceremony time. This is the time you need to be out of hair & makeup by. Chat to your photographer to see how long they need to capture those beautiful getting ready moments!
- Good hair & makeup takes time! If you have a larger party or an early ceremony time, you will need to have an earlier start time. Bring the coffee and we will bring the vibes!
- Check venue policies. Some venues have restrictions on when the glam squad can arrive or access the room. This impacts the scheduling of the day and may result in us needing to use a different venue or room for glam!
- Let your venue know to expect Makeup Matters, especially if its an earlier start! Some venues aren't always open/prepared for earlier starts but will accommodate when informed. You can also share the venue contact details with us and we will contact them directly
- Please let us know ahead of time if there are multiple flights of stairs. This allows us to factor this into our set up and down time.
- Stick to the schedule. Anyone can be in the chair at the designated time—just keep the rotation moving!



# BRIDAL PARTY

- Give the bridal party some hair & makeup options in advance. This helps set the tone for your overall bridal party look.
- Please share your bridal party's chosen options with us as this helps us create a schedule for your big day.
- Communicate any "no-no's for your bridal party's hair & makeup ahead of your big day. This should be communicated with us as well as your bridal party.
- Bridesmaids hair & makeup shouldn't outshine yours! Their look should complement yours—you are the star. So if you're a natural babe, your bridesmaids should be too!
- Each bridesmaid's look will be tailored to them. Reference photos are great, but styles will be adjusted to suit individual features.
- Share the timesheet with your bridal party ahead of the big day. This will help manage timings on the day.





# ON THE DAY

## WHAT'S NEEDED

- Chat to your venue about the hair & makeup area. Confirm any space limitations or restrictions in advance. This will help us when planning out set up.
- We bring our own chairs & ring light. We just need a large enough table and plug points for setup.
- For hair, a mirror near a table & plug point is ideal.
- Natural lighting is best! While we have ring lights, natural light enhances the final look.
- Stagger arrivals for large bridal parties. A crowded space can cause stress and disrupt the glam process.
- Steam the dresses before makeup. Steam and makeup don't mix! Do it in a separate room to avoid any mishaps as well!



# IN THE CHAIR

- Your glam time is your time. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the process. This is not the time to stress about vendors or deal with questions
- Put your phone away. Ask a bridesmaid to handle calls—this helps you stay present and makes our job easier.
- Direct any questions or approvals to your bridal party so we can focus on perfecting your look. Ask vendors to do any approvals before your makeup slot.
- No errands after glam. Once your hair and makeup are done, avoid running around to keep everything flawless. This applies to mom too!
- Read and open any gifts or letters before you start your glam, yes your makeup is waterproof but this will avoid any unnecessary touch ups & save time!