

Q What can I do about my melting eye makeup? Five minutes in the heat and the stuff is sliding down my face.

A What, you don't like the raccoon look? Makeup artist Joy suggests going the powder-product route: Powders cling better. Using a sponge eyeshadow applicator, apply some of your face powder to your lids and under your lower lash line. Line only your upper lids with a powder pencil (they are usually wood, not plastic; sometimes they're called kohl). Use a powder shadow; don't use a cream, and *definitely* don't use an eye gloss. Finish with a smudgeproof mascara (try Shu Uemura Mascara BasicWater Resistant For Eyes, 334, or Revlon ColorStay Extra Thick Lashes Mascara,, \$7.50) on the top lashes only. Touch up during the day with blotting papers (try Clean & Clear Clear Touch Oil-Absorbing Sheets, 34.99, or Anna Sui Blotting Papers, 310), which will pick up the moisture on your lids without removing your makeup.

Q I took my sandals off in front of my husband last night, and he pretended to faint. Is there a reason my feet get so smelly?

A The heat generated by your feet hitting the pavement, the ensuing sweat, and the confines of your shoes create, the perfect environment for the growth of bacteria and fungi, which lead to stinkiness, explains NYC dermatologist Doris J. Day. After you shower, dry your feet well, especially between your toes. Shake a little powder (Day recommends Zeasorb Powder, \$3.99) into your shoes to absorb moisture. Whenever possible throughout the day, slip out of your shoes to let your feet air out.

My big toenail looks really weird-kinda thick and yellow

Sounds like there's fungus among Nail Design, explains that "fungus feeds on keratin, what the nail is made of, munching away at nail layers until they deteriorate." To cure a fungal infection, see a podiatrist or dermatologist, who can prescribe a topical or tablet-form antifungal medication; this will restore your nail to normal in about three months. In the meantime you can make it look better by

removing some of the bulk with a buffing disk (looks like a round emery board), then covering it with opaque nail polish.



Q I am so over the tattoo I got in college. What can I do to get rid of it?

A While it takes just 50 bucks to get a tattoo, it can cost 100 times that to have it removed via laser surgery-and that's not covered by insurance. Complete tattoo removal requires up to ten monthly laser treatments, depending on your skin type and the tattoo, explains Robert Guida, an NYC plastic surgeon (www.drguida.com). A cheaper-albeit temporary-solution is a high pigment concealer that can be made waterproof with a setting powder (try Dermablend Leg and Body Cover Crème, \$15.50, and Loose Setting Powder, \$18).

Q I love summer foods but always end up with stuff in my teeth. What can I do?

A Miss Manners cautions against tooth picking at the table, and we can surmise that dental floss at dinner isn't proper etiquette either. So dash off to the bathroom and try one of these new-fangled tools: Glide Floss Picks (20 a pack, \$3.49), a pre-loaded flosser that

looks like a tiny, one-stringed harp on a stick). Or try the Waterpik Automatic Flosser with Whitening Tips (\$20-\$40). By night the flosser recharges; by day you can pack up the detachable head and later let it oscillate between your teeth at 10,000 strokes a minute.

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