

Rock-Chick Eyes

Only for the brave—and carried off to perfection by Melanie—this shiny, slightly messy smoky eye is the hardest to wear, as the greasy finish is high-maintenance and prone to creasing, but if you get it right, it can be really sexy. It's an edgy look that isn't about perfection; make it as messed-up as you like, but try it at home before you wear it out, as these textures have a tendency to slide around. Matte foundation would look wrong with the high-shine eyes, so I applied a luminous, dewy foundation, a creamy blush for a natural-looking flush, and a pinky nude lip gloss.



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1 To intensify the previous look and take it to the next level, I really went to town with the kohl eyeliner pencil, applying it around the eye and inside the waterline.

2 I then took the pencil up from the lash line onto the eyelid to add a creamy texture. This may be enough for you, but if not, go to the next step.

3 Using a synthetic brush, I applied petroleum jelly to the eyelid, following its natural shape.

4 I used a small brush to add a smear of petroleum jelly to the inner corner of the eye, followed by lashings of mascara—the clumpier the better.

smoky eye top tips

- » There's no eye shape that won't suit a smoky eye.
- » There is no set color scheme—a smoky eye is all about the finish.
- » Soft brown, taupe, and bronze tones are perfect for daytime smoky eyes.
- » Stay away from flat blues and grays, which can make the eyes look dull and the skin sallow. A warm undertone and a slight shimmer will add warmth and light.
- » This is a fantastic look if your lips aren't your strongest feature, as all the attention is drawn to the eyes.
- » Always apply an eye primer to create a good base for the eye make-up—if an eyelid is too oily, it can make the eyeshadow break up.
- » For extra drama and depth, use a primer, cream eyeshadow, or crayon on the lid first and apply the dark eyeshadow on top. This base helps prevent fallout and makes the eye make-up last longer, as it gives the powder something to stick to and intensifies its color.
- » A creamy pencil liner that is easy to smudge is better for this look than gel liner, which gives a more precise line.

You can fake a wet-look smoky eye

with a high-shimmer pigment.

This gives the impression of a shimmery,

watery eye but lasts a lot longer.