



Awaken your Inner Beauty with High-Definition

Leading Hollywood make-up artist James Lacey offers insider tricks on how to re-awaken your inner beauty for a flawless Princess Aurora look.

True, Aurora had great genes, a lot of sleep and a good fairy named Flora on her side who

gave her the gift of beauty, but we all can achieve that look with a little know-how.

According to James, the key to Aurora's beauty is that she glows and doesn't overdo it in the make-up department. "Her look is very youthful and easy to achieve with the right technique and the right products," explains James.

1 KNOW THY SKIN TONE.

This is the first law of beauty when it comes to re-creating Aurora's look. James explains, "Your skin type will determine your approach to make-up. If your skin is more youthful, it will be more conditioned and make-up will glide on a lot more smoothly. If not, use a primer. Primer helps enormously if you have any dry patches, dry skin, acne and it will also smooth fine lines."

2 LESS IS MORE. Use foundation, eye shadow, blush and lip color sparingly and then, if need be you can always add more layers for a more dramatic effect.

As James points out, "the problem is that when you start piling on the make-up you end up looking like Norma Desmond in 'Sunset Boulevard'. That's definitely the look you don't want."

3 BLEND, BLEND AND BLEND AGAIN.

One of the biggest faux pas is not blending make-up after application. Notice how Aurora, in any situation - whether it's out picking berries or singing to her animal friends - always blends her foundation below her jaw line. "Feather it out onto the neck because I don't know how many times I've only seen women put foundation on their face and not blend up. It creates a mask-like effect and you can see the color end right along their jaw line," says James. "Aurora would never be caught dead like that!"

4 SEEING THE LIGHT. It doesn't matter whether you are living in a cottage with three good fairies in the woods, or a darkened studio apartment in SoHo, you need to apply your make-up in a place with natural light. "One thing I would stress to the ladies when they do their make-up is not to do it in fluorescent light in your bathroom. Set up a big mirror by natural daylight in your living room or wherever and do your make up there." As James points out, "If your make-up looks good in natural daylight, it is going to look good in any light source."

5 THE EYES HAVE IT. While not everyone has Aurora's stunning lilac eyes, the key is to know your eye shape for maximum effect. "If you have really small eyes, don't put eye liner on top or it will close up your eyes, especially if you put liner on the bottom as well," adds James. "Sometimes just a nice light dash of mascara in a natural color after you have curled your lashes with an eyelash curler is all you need."

6 THE PERFECT PRINCESS POUT. You can't expect to capture your prince's heart with a less-than-perfect pucker, so to be at your ready for true love's kiss, James suggests the perfect shade to enhance your lips. "Opt for a natural lipstick and one that just accentuates your own lip color. You can go a shade or two further, but nothing more," according to James. Very Aurora-esque.

7 TOOLS OF THE TRADE. "One thing I really encourage is to use the right brushes," says James. "You can use the brushes to render certain effects as opposing just taking a lipstick and applying it straight from the tube. You have much more control with a lip brush when doing your lips and an eye shadow brush when doing your eyes."

8 NATURALLY GORGEOUS. To emphasize the Aurora look, choose natural colors and steer clear of reds or anything with a high pigment. As James suggests, "If you go for earth colors, you really can't mess it up." So easy even Maleficent could do it - who, by the way could benefit from a few of the above tips.

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