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Sparkle & Shine – Five Favorites for a Festive New Year’s Eve

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So you’re ringing in the new year and you’re dreaming about ringing in a new beauty look. You have a short satin dress with a dash of shimmer and an eye-catching clutch to match. Now all you need are some finishing touches in the beauty department. Today, I’m rounding up five of my favorite beauty products to wear for a glam and glittering New Year’s Eve.

Before you even think about applying foundation or concealer, you need to find a trusty facial primer. I love [OC8 Professional Mattifying Gel](#). It’s a lightweight, non-comedogenic gel that is serious about reducing shine. OC8 gives my combination skin a velvety-matte finish that lasts all day and all night — a perfect desk-to-dinner beauty product. OC8 also works wonders for evening-only events.



OC8 Professional Mattifying Gel

Cosmetic kits that offer a sort of one-stop-shop of beauty products are perfect for busy women this holiday season. I love the [Best of HourGlass Set](#) which includes a full-size mascara, full-size Extreme Sheen High Shine Lip Gloss, Veil Mineral Primer and N° 28 Primer Serum. If you’re planning to travel a lengthy distance for your 2013 festivities, the Best of HourGlass Set will certainly help you achieve a contoured and colored look on the go. The Extreme Sheen High Shine Lip Gloss is one of my favorite high-shine glosses currently on the market.



Hourglass Best of Set

[MicaBeauty Bronzer](#) is an all-natural product free from dyes and chemicals that beautifully highlights facial features. I wore a generous dusting of the luxurious bronzer on my cheeks one evening and have never received so many sparkling compliments. This is the “it” bronzer that will help you achieve a subtle, yet defining glow because it catches the light in all of the right places. MicaBeauty Bronzer is available at [Arianna Skin Care](#) in Boston, Martha’s Vineyard and Newport, RI.



MICA Beauty Bronzer

For sultry eyes that are sure to seduce on New Year’s Eve, I recommend [MAC Cosmetics Fabulousness Warm Eye Palette](#) consisting of five fierce shades: Glamour Light, a pale golden beige in a satin finish; Retrospeck a sparkly gold in a luster finish; Honesty a shimmery copper-brown in a luster finish; Cognac a golden bronze in a frost finish; and Sketch a sparkling burgundy in a velvet finish. The pin cushion top and chic patent bow accent give the compact a vintage feel circa-Greta Garbo.



MAC Fabulousness Eye Collection

And what New Year's Eve celebration would be complete without something racy and red?! When I first laid eyes on [Burberry's Lip Velvet](#) lipstick in Military Red, I knew it was love at first sight. One sweep (or two when you're feeling risqué) of the smooth, siren-induced shade is all you need to feel beautiful, confident and sexy. Talk about a M-E-O-W factor. Lip Velvet is long-lasting and won't parch your pout. But if matte is your mantra, then this is truly a makeup must-have. I love how the velvety formula coats with a punch of color while still offering moisture — leaving lips luscious long into the lip lock hour.



Burberry Lip Velvet in Military Red

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