



MAKEUP

Spencer Claus Shares His Out-of-the-Box Prom Makeup Tutorials

Turn up for your big night.



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Prom is full swing and we've already searched every single inch of the red carpet to bring you the very best [celebrity-inspired beauty looks](#) to copy for the big night. But, while our favorite celebs might know exactly how to dial up the glam when it comes to smoky eyes and intricate updos, we wanted to look elsewhere for out-of-the-box ideas.

When we came across 17-year-old makeup artist [Spencer Claus](#) on Instagram, his mesmerizing feed of celestial highlight, neon lipstick, and optical-illusion contouring instantly had us hooked. "I'm primarily an actor," he explained. "When you're doing theater, you have to wear makeup on stage, so I learned how to put on makeup when I was 8 or 9." From there, the talented teen continued to experiment with his eye-catching aesthetic on social media — to the delight of his fans (and yes, you can definitely add us to that list). Naturally, it wasn't long before we were chatting about his everyday favorites. "I love the [Milk Makeup Sunshine Skin Tint](#) that comes in a rollerball you can click," he says. "You roll it around on the skin and it's never cake-y. I put that on with a duo fiber brush and then add [Milk Makeup Holographic Highlighter Stick](#). The [Tarte Amazonian Clay Spot Concealer](#) is super easy to blend and great on my psoriasis. I also love editorial, glossy brows, so I use the [Make Beauty Sculpting Lash & Brow Gel](#), which is the best thing ever. You put it in and it makes your brows look shiny *and* stay in place."



Silver Foil

For an ethereal take on glitter lids, try a foil eye. "This look is probably the easiest to do because you can be messy with it," says Spencer. "For the silver foil, I used the [Diamond Flake Cuvette from Glitter Injections](#). It's really important to make sure that you're using safe, cosmetics-grade foil for this. I used [Make Beauty Face Gloss](#) to apply it and created a midnight-inspired vibe. I got the moonlit highlight with my [Bahi Cosmetics loose powder highlighter in Storm](#) and topped off my lips with [Smashbox Be Legendary Liquid Lipstick in Iced Out](#). My cupid's bow 'piercing' is just a black holographic rhinestone applied with lash glue!"



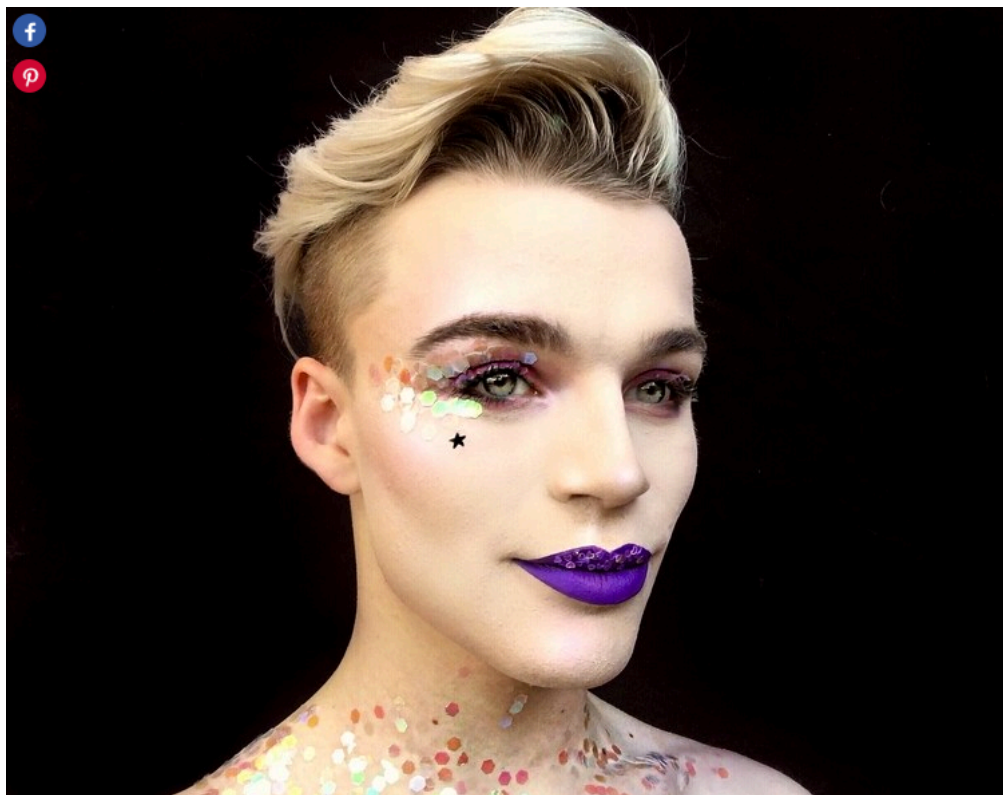
Holographic Skin

Holographic makeup has been *everywhere* this year, so why not put it everywhere on your face? "The holographic skin is the biggest trend here, but the freckles I think are what really pull it all together" says Spencer. "They're temporary freckle tattoos by [Faux Freckles](#). I use a series of different highlighters to get the duochrome effect — the [Anastasia Beverly Hills Moonchild Palette](#) is a great option for this. After I apply the powder, I follow it with the [Milk Makeup Holographic Stick](#) to add a 3D effect. What you want to do is apply different colors of highlighter to different features. For example, I did indigo and green on the cheekbone, green and pink on the temples, blue and green on the nose, pink and green on the chin, blue and indigo on the lips, and an all-color wash over the eyes. If you wanted to, you could also add a pair of false lashes to further emphasize the eyes, but that might be overkill. Actually, who cares? Be extra."



Lollipop Lips

Not to be confused with popsicle lips (which concentrate color in the center of your pout), lollipop lips color outside the lines. "The first step is picking the right color," cautions Spencer. "If you use something too neutral, the intentional effect might be lost. I used the [Kat Von D Beauty Everlasting Liquid Lipstick in Vampira](#) topped with a little bit of [Milk Makeup's Holographic Stick](#) and [MAC Cosmetics Clear Lipglass](#). For the face, I went for cool tones: [Pearl highlight by Becca Cosmetics](#) on the high points of my face instead of a warm bronzer or blush. I finished it off with [Milk Makeup Ubame Mascara](#) on the top and bottom lashes and [Make Beauty Brow and Lash Gel](#) on my brows."



Chunky Glitter

We thought we'd witnessed all the mermaid makeup our brains could handle by now, but changed our minds when Spencer showed us this chunky glitter that resembled the prettiest fish scales. "I got it off [Bulk Glitters](#) for \$3," he says. "Just make sure you're buying cosmetics-grade glitter, especially for something going near your eyes! I used a red eyeshadow ([Suva Beauty Hookah](#)) underneath, but you can skip the accent color to keep the focus on the glitter. I then randomly applied lash glue on my face and neck and just kind of threw glitter at it. It sounds weird, but it works! Around the eyes, I just keep the shape relatively winged out to counteract the bulkiness; it helps elongate your eyes, even with the huge glitter chunks. For the lips, I used [NYX Cosmetics Liquid Suede lipstick in Amethyst](#) and added heart-shaped chunky glitter from Bulk Glitters to the upper lip, just for fun. I finished it off with the [Milk Makeup Tattoo Stamp in Star](#). This combination is all about versatility, so personalize it!"

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