

SECRET WEAPONS

# Christian McCulloch

THE PLAYFUL MAKEUP ARTIST  
FINDS BEAUTY IN LEVITY



**"WHEN NAOMI CAMPBELL** started booking me, I knew I'd made it," says McCulloch, who got his break during the height of the supermodel era. He's since used his light-handed touch on stars like Naomi Watts and Shailene Woodley. "I want my girls to look chic and polished, not tortured by makeup," he says. That means achieving a glow with masks and face oils instead of layers of foundation. Here, a few more tricks of his trade.

**"For soft smoky eyes, I use a pencil along the lash line and blend with a brush. I love this deep plum to go from day to night."**

Christian Louboutin Quel Velours Velvet Eye Definer in Ferre and Deep Teal, \$25 each, [us.clinlouboutin.com](http://us.clinlouboutin.com); Nars Pro Brush Collection: The Small Intensifier, \$35, [narscosmetics.com](http://narscosmetics.com).



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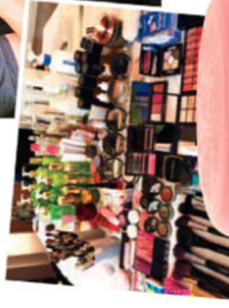
**"A lot of my clients have reactive skin, so less is more: I start with a mask before moisturizing with a fast-absorbing oil, and I refresh with a mist during the day."**

Alchimie Forever Kantic Brightening Moisture Mask, \$60, [alchimie-forever.com](http://alchimie-forever.com); Joie Maran 100% Pure Argan Oil, \$48, [joiemaran.com](http://joiemaran.com); Caudalie Vinho Verde Beauty Elixir, \$49, [us.caudalie.com](http://us.caudalie.com).



**"It's most flattering to apply blush at the very tops of the cheekbones, close to your eyes."**

Sisla Cosmetics Color Cosmetics.com.



**"I prep lips with a Q-tip dipped in vitamin E oil. Then I layer on a stain, like Glossier Cloud Paint. You can mix it with balm for more moisture."**

Glossier Cloud Paint in Puff, Haze, and Vitamin E Oil, \$9, [walnut.com](http://walnut.com); Q-tips cotton swabs, \$3.50; at drugstores; Dolce & Gabbana Glossier Lipliner in Calamander, \$32, [dolgocandy.com](http://dolgocandy.com).



McCulloch with model Lu Wen