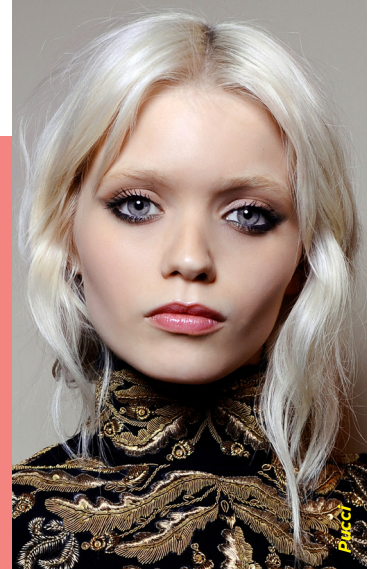




Micro trend: bleached eyebrows

Runway models are getting the peroxide treatment to ensure that their make-up is standout. Not one for shy girls, as Abbey Lee (right) demonstrates.



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Step away from the tweezers! Covert grooming is the secret to the “untouched” brow look.

The basics

When buying an eyebrow pencil, go for a shade that's a little lighter than your hair colour and ensure it's sharp. Look for sparse spots to fill in, using soft strokes. Blend the pencil through with a brow comb – this is usually enough to cover other bare areas. Try (5) Clinique Instant Lift for Brows in Soft Brown, \$38, (2) Rimmel Professional Eyebrow Pencil in Hazel, \$8.50, and (4) Napoleon Perdis Eyebrow Pencil in Pale Rider, \$25.

Pro tip: “When in doubt about a shade, go with a soft taupe,

regardless of your hair colour, because it suits everyone. I like (3) Kevyn Aucoin Precision Brow Pencil, \$50,” says brow expert Nathan Williams from Sydney's Parlour B. “Powder is also a great option for first-time fillers ... you can brush away any excess if you overdo it.”

Using a two-tone powder?

Start with the light shade on the inner corner (it's usually the darkest part so it doesn't need to be made darker). Most women only need to do the ends of their eyebrows as that's where they're usually

the most tweezer-happy. Use the darker colour on the thinner end of the brow. Our top pick? Laura Mercier Brow Shadow Duo, \$30.

DIY dye

If pencils and powder are too temporary for you, you can always use dye. Avoid making brows too dark by using a diluted solution. Don't mix a heavy paste, as the result is very hard to reverse – you're better off layering the colour. Try 1000 Hour Eyelash & Brow Dye Kit in Brown-Black, \$18.95.

Hands off!

“Please don't attempt to trim your own eyebrows,” implores Williams. “They might look well-shaped at first, but in the long run, your brows will just be more high maintenance.”

Keeping them under control

Eyebrow gel is great to keep thicker brows in place, but not if you have sparse hair. Gel will pull and lock fine brow hairs together, making them appear even more bare. Our favourite is (1) Ardell Brow Sculpting Gel, \$5.75. □