

Glam Patrol

Makeup artist to the stars Melissa Merhar-Parker spills her beauty secrets.

Melissa Merhar-Parker is no stranger to music videos, but she's not up there shaking what her mama gave her (on camera, anyway). Nope—this behind-the-scenes beauty queen is busy prepping celebs like T.I., Ke\$ha, Chris Brown, Flo Rida and Nate Parker for their close-ups, drawing on her experience as a makeup artist for brand bigwigs Chanel and Dior, and locally for Van Michael Salon, to remake their mugs for the camera. Her personal MO: Good makeup starts with good skin. So when Merhar-Parker's not applying an HDTV-level base, you better believe she's not using a lot of foundation or powder either. But you will find her slathering on the sunscreen daily. (Note her blemish-free complexion.) Here—glow and behold—her beauty go-tos. —*Karina Timmel*
Photography by Michael Knowlton



Gold Standard:
 "Pure gold! It gives my skin an amazing glow. This is the perfect serum to go under foundation, and I use it on everyone!"
Dior L'Or de Vie Le Serum, \$395 for 1 oz., Nordstrom, @dior

Well Concealed:
 "This concealer palette offers a variety of colors and textures, like red-based concealers to help erase dark circles and green correcting concealer for any redness/blemishes. You can mix the colors for a perfect match!"
Ben Nye MediaPRO 18-color concealer and adjuster palette, \$79, Atlanta Costume Company



Shady Lady:

"Kerry Roy at **adore hair studio & shoppe** in Decatur has been coloring my hair the perfect shade of shiny, espresso brown for about two years. I really enjoy the quaint, nonintimidating atmosphere."
@adorehairstudio

Brow Wow:
 "A universal brow pencil works on all skin tones—I bring it on every shoot that I do. It has a fine point, which allows me to draw the perfect brow."
Dior Diorshow Brow Styler, \$29, Nordstrom, @dior



Makeup Eraser:
 "My favorite cleanser of all time—it is gentle enough for sensitive skin and breaks down all of my makeup, even around the eye area, without burning. Woot woot!"
Luzern Pure Cleansing Gelée, \$38, at luzernlabs.com, @luzernlabs



Top Coat:
 "It's my go-to color because it is the perfect pinkish brown and looks good on pretty much every skin tone."
OPI nail lacquer in dulce de leche, \$9, ULTA, @opi_products



Waxing Poetic:
 "Raquel Souza at **Sweet Peach Wax & Sugaring Studio** is gentle and does an amazing job! She always finds a way to squeeze me in."
New location opening this month in Virginia-Highland

Nailing It:

"Nails Too! in Grant Park is a cute little nail shop, and my go-to for gel nails."