



TAPE IT TO THE MIRROR



The 2 A.M. Makeup Removal Card

"Remove it the way the label says. If it says to remove it with cold cream, use cold cream." FDA

In This Order

- 1 Adhesive first.** Press on a pad soaked in IPM (isopropyl myristate) remover and let it sit for up to a minute. BEN NYE
- 2 Lift appliances from an edge** with a cotton swab. Never peel one off dry: work the matching remover under a lifted edge first. BEN NYE, THE MAKERS
- 3 Cream and alcohol paints next,** with IPM or cleansing oil. Alcohol palettes come off with alcohol or face cleansing oil. THE MAKERS, GRAFTOBIAN
- 4 Water paints and blood last, with soap.** Lather it vigorously and agitate gently: the foam pulls pigment and dye out of the pores. KRYOLAN
- 5 No makeup wipes, no baby wipes.** "The caring lotions in the wipes only push the dyes deeper into the skin." KRYOLAN
- 6 Then wash:** lukewarm water, fingertips, a gentle cleanser without alcohol. Pat dry with a soft towel. AAD
- 7 Don't scrub.** "Resist the temptation to scrub your skin because scrubbing irritates." AAD

Blood on the Costume

Rinse with cold water before washing. Put detergent directly on the stain, and repeat if a yellowish or pinkish shadow remains. Synthetics come clean more easily.

KRYOLAN

Near the Eyes

Keep solvent removers away from your eyes. Mehron's Spirit Gum Remover label says "Avoid use near the eyes." MEHRON

On tired skin, reach for IPM or Kryolan's extra-mild MME Spirit Gum Remover first. Ben Nye's Bond Off! is naphtha, a petroleum solvent.

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Costume Contacts

Warning signs: redness, eye pain that doesn't go away, and decreased vision. Infections from them can cause blindness, "sometimes within as little as 24 hours." FDA

Any of those signs: take the lenses out and see an eye doctor right away. FDA

Don't share them. All contact lenses, decorative ones included, should be prescribed by a doctor.

FDA

If Your Skin Reacts

"Gently wash the product off as soon as possible and don't use it again." AAD

Before Next Halloween

Patch test new makeup on the wearer's arm at least 24 to 48 hours ahead FDA, so by October 29 for an October 31 party. Test adhesives and removers too. MEHRON

Blood on the Carpet

Blot with white paper towel. Saturate with a grease-and-oil-fighting pre-treat. Agitate from the edge of the stain in toward the center, spray-rinse and blot hard. Let it dry, then repeat.

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