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Breaking with tradition for 2007, the usual sun-kissed complexions and dewy glows of the spring/summer shows were supplanted by a lighter skin tone, with

a matte finish and minimal base. Here are four key looks from the shows, as set out by Terry Barber, Director of Mac Makeup Artistry





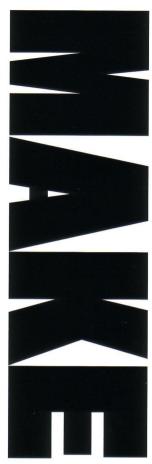
1. MONO CREAM MACTIC is about pure, adolescent beauty. Think 2. ELEMENTAL traceless make-up, a seemingly low maintenance look conjuring untainted freshness. Rather than the glossy, high-shine complexions of previous seasons create an eggshell matte finish with a light dusting of powder. Eyes are clean, lips are nude and brows are natural, but while this paring down of your make-up is key, still introduce elements of texture such as a subtle pearl in your powder. For inspiration, see Stella McCartney (queen of this understated look), Sophia Kokosalaki and Balenciaga.







3. TWISTED PIGMENT uses a kaleidoscope of acid bright colours in metallic. reflective and glitter finishes. Interpreted in many different ways, from the neon-winged eye shadow at D&G, to the wild butterflies for lips and eyes at Manish Arora, this trend makes for a showstopping spectacle. At Manish Arora, make-up legend Kabuki, was inspired by Hindu Gods, with her 'Smurf blue' and 'Smartie pink' skin. Eyes were embellished with feathers or textured pigments, and each model claimed her own distinct brand of exoticism. At Zandra Rhodes, Barber achieved a quintessentially 60's look by using peacock metallic shades pressed onto the eyes with a Barbie-esque colour scheme, reflecting Rhodes' own colourful nature. Things were less ostentatious at Louis Vuitton, as Pat McGrath smudged metallic glitters under the eye, giving a rock'n'roll edge to the bare faced chic she had created.





4. URBAN, an enduring look that is updated each season, has a much harder. more streetwise attitude this spring. Skin is stripped bare. and eyes are lined with Onyx, for a healthy look with a hint of Gothic. Luella championed this look with a blissfully mucky palette of black and blue slate, while Gucci, adopting a simpler approach to eyeliner, used black and dark grey kohls, to create strong lines on clean faces