

## style report

# lashing out

Waterproof mascara is a bride's secret weapon, brightening eyes and combating tears of joy.

I *loove* mascara—if there was only one thing I could take to a desert island, mascara might be it. I'm an expert at the "if I open my mouth just a little wider and wiggle the wand it will somehow go on better" maneuver. Strangely, I've never worn waterproof mascara until this review, and I must confess, I'm now hopelessly devoted to Estée Lauder's Illusionist Waterproof Maximum Curling Mascara. It delivered beautiful separation, not a single clump, and near-Disney princess eyes. I don't know if it's the oddly shaped brush or the soft-grip handle, and I don't care; it's sensational! To test its waterproofing capabilities, I popped in my favorite sappy movie. When the tears spilled, I plummeted face-down into my pillowcase and arose to a raccoon-less mug—wow! It costs more than the average mascara, but it's completely worth it, for the wedding day and everyday.

Revlon's new double-ended Lash Fantasy has a white primer that "organized" my lashes but was a bit tricky to completely cover with the mascara. Once it was on, though, my lashes weren't moving—wind, rain or shine—a great selling point for brides. Rimmel's Extreme Definition takes getting used to since the wand is a comb, but it dishes out rich color that will make your eyes "pop." After a few laps at the pool, I was amazed by how good it (and I) still looked, making it perfect for all that splashing around on the honeymoon. L'Oréal's Lash Architect 3-D Mascara was awkward to hold and the brush too big for teeny corner lashes, but it had remarkable staying power even when faced with a washcloth. The rebel of the bunch? Physicians Formula's Lash-in-a-Tube. Like toothpaste, you can squeeze the product up and use every last bit. It has a unique creamy texture (which I found slightly clumpy), is hypoallergenic and fragrance-free—ideal for brides with sensitive eyes. Because we all deserve to feel lash-happy.

—Tanya Coulthard



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### Clockwise from top left:

Lash Architect 3-D dramatic waterproof mascara in Black Brown (\$8), by L'Oréal; mass retailers. Lash Fantasy waterproof primer and mascara combo in Black Brown (\$9), by Revlon; mass retailers. Illusionist Waterproof Maximum Curling Mascara in Black (\$21), by Estée Lauder; esteelauder.com. Extreme Definition waterproof lash-separating comb mascara in Black (\$7), by Rimmel London; mass retailers. Lash-in-a-Tube Waterproof Mascara in Black Brown (\$6), by Physicians Formula; physiciansformula.com.

# to the point

Ballet flats are the embodiment of beauty, grace and femininity. Just like you, dahling.



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First it was the tiara. Next came the satin and tulle. Ladies, you're *soooo* fashioning of-the-moment Swan Lake Chic. So what if you didn't excel at dance class, your gams aren't exactly ballerina-esque and your pointe was never quite on point. This summer, your inner ballerina can shine on your wedding day because ballet flats are flat-out fabulous.



Miu Miu



From top right: White satin round-toe flat (\$195), by James Ciccotti; (773) 525-4280. Ivory satin d'orsay flat (\$525), by Rickard Shah; by special order at (212) 404-6927. White leather ballet flat with grosgrain ankle tie (\$195), by Hollywould; couture.zappos.com. Mint satin pointy-toe ballet flat (\$249), by Constança Basto; (212) 645-3233. Cream satin flat (\$155), by London Sole; londonsole.com. Turquoise Lurex suede flat (\$235), by Rafé; 1-800-486-9544.

Although heels will never go out of bridal style, flats offer a chic and dressy option. They're a huge trend right now, so there are lots of choices, and you'll get plenty of stylish mileage out of them on your honeymoon and well into fall. A timeless look that keeps coming around (cut to Miu Miu's recent collection, above left), it's the sexy and surprising formal details like Rafé's silver scalloped trim and Constança Basto's bow accent that make these new ballet flats perfect for brides.

Simple, exquisitely feminine and totally comfy, this footwear is the standout choice of red-carpet regulars like Kate Hudson and Scarlett Johansson. Is it any wonder! Whichever kind of ballet flat you settle on, you're sure to be light on your feet.

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