



BEAUTY BEAT

Highlight your cheeks for an instant boost and a relaxed summer look, and discover the latest in semi-permanent beauty tattooing with **Stephanie Darling**.



ROAD-TEST

This week, I try ...
Feather-touch eyebrow tattooing

THE LOWDOWN I love having my eyebrows shaped and dyed, but I never manage to maintain them – so I am excited to be visiting an Amy Jean Eye Couture salon to get my brows tattooed. Owner Amy-Jean Linnehan applies anaesthetic cream and I wait an hour for it to take effect. Next, she attaches seven pristine needles to the etching pen, then manoeuvres the etcher over my brows, creating fine strokes between the existing hairs. There are four sweeps over each brow, punctuated with the application of the hypoallergenic pigment, with a top-up of liquid anaesthetic at each stage. At the end, I'm given Bepanthen cream to apply for a week to keep the area sterile and the pigment locked in. I also need to keep my brows out of the sun for the first week.

PAIN FACTOR It feels a little uncomfortable until the top-up anaesthetic takes hold. Strangely, and typically, my left brow is more sensitive than my right.

DOWNTIME Set aside a good two hours, with a follow-up after six weeks to re-etch and top up the dye if necessary.

RESULTS My brows look very defined, with a perfect arch. They're quite dark but I'm told they'll fade into a very natural shade. The results last for two years.

WHERE TO GET IT There are Amy Jean Eye Couture salons in Melbourne, Sydney and the Gold Coast; amyjean.com.au.

COST from \$695.

AT-HOME For perfect brow powder try Amy Jean Eye Couture Brow Velvet, \$55.

Follow Stephanie Darling at mrsdarling.wordpress.com

LUXE TO LESS



These powder blushes offer an instant face wake-up
From top: Lancôme Blush Subtil, 1300 651 991.
Bobbi Brown Blush in Berry, bobbibrown.com.au.
Bourjois Blush Pot, 1800 181 040.

TREND THE HIGHLIGHTED CHEEK The quickest beauty fix for a "bad beauty day", according to make-up artist Bobbi Brown, is the application of strategically placed blush. This hint of blush gives your face an instant wake-up; never underestimate the power of this "pop" of colour. Also, try brushing a little blush on your eyelids as an alternative to eyeshadow.

CULT PRODUCT

DAVINES LOVE SMOOTHING SHAMPOO

Davines is a family-owned Italian haircare brand and its devotees include actresses Kate Beckinsale and Emma Stone, who says, "This clarifying shampoo doesn't weigh down my hair and it smells good, too." It contains fig extract for moisturising, olive extract for cleansing and rice proteins to protect hair. The packaging is also carbon neutral. \$30, (07) 3267 5511.



We ask an expert

Dr George Marcellis
Cosmetic surgeon

What is the one procedure that will make you look younger?

"One of the first areas of the face to show signs of ageing is around the eyes. Loose upper eyelids and descending brows can be addressed non-surgically with Botox. Effects are temporary and need to be repeated every three to six months."