



Why she's proud of Alicia Keys: "I taught her how to do her own makeup. She did part of her *As I Am* tour by herself!"



One tough gig: "British Virgin Islands Fashion Week. There was no AC backstage. It was so hot!"



Why age 16 was a turning point: "That's when I started to accept my body. I realized I would never be skinny—I am who I am."

Her Tips Will Make You Gorgeous

Makeup pro Ashunta Sheriff has traveled the world working with clients like Alicia Keys and Diddy (yes, Diddy!). These hotel-room-tested tricks will transform you, too.

For sexy lashes...

"Use an eyelash conditioning treatment. Lashes are like the hair on your head: You've got to take care of them."

Facial mist is worth it.

"Use one before and after applying makeup. It gives skin that glowiness [without piling on more] products. You'll see a big difference."

Don't save perfume for special occasions.

"I got a really good tip from Diddy—he once told me that 'no one's finished unless they smell good.' It's so true! I always send my clients off with a spritz of fragrance." —Baze Mpinja

Her first makeup tutor:

"My mommy. She was a singer. I used to watch her whole makeup process every day—lashes, green eyeshadow, nude lipstick and blush. She's the girliest woman ever. She didn't own sneakers until she was 40!"



The celeb she's dying to get her hands on: "Megan Fox. I love her features—they're beautiful and bold. I would keep her look sexy, but a little bit more sophisticated."



Mix together her favorite cheapies!

THE STUFF SHE'S HOOKED ON

- Her favorite blush:** "[BareMinerals] in Flowers. It works on everyone."
- For fast depuffing:** "Mary Kay Eye Revitalizer. It wakes the eyes up."
- Her go-to mascara:** "DiorShow. The wand really covers every lash."
- She can't stop spritzing:** "If by Apothia. I've been wearing this scent for two years. You meet men with it."
- Always in her bag:** "Wet n Wild! I layer the gloss in Poppy Glaze over the lipstick in Passionate. It's such a pretty combo."