

Tattoo technique spreads to world of eye makeup

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It's no secret. If a woman cries, rubs her eyes or just had a plain old hard day, the carefully applied face she put on early in the morning, falls to ruin.

But with the help of cosmetologists and a California-based firm, at least part of a woman's makeup can remain come rain, sleet or snow.

The latest in the world of modern makeup is Accents — permanent lash-liner. It's the rage in California and gaining fans on the East Coast.

This latest technique has now arrived in the Midwest.

"It came out about two months ago," said Dr. Jon Blum, a Farmington Hills dermatologist. "It's a type of tattoo."

The permanent liner is actually a series of dots along the upper and lower eyelash line. A patient has the choice of four colors — soft black, gray, brown and black-brown. The final choice of

color depends on an individual's combination of eyes, skin and hair coloring.

"Under a magnifying glass, you'll see dots," said Dr. Mark Nelson, Blum's partner, who's received training in performing the microsurgical technique.

"When you stand back it looks like a line."

USING A tiny needle, a physician injects pigment into the dermis, the second layer of skin, along the eyelash line, Nelson said.

"You certainly don't feel the injection of the quill (the tiny needle used in the technique)," Nelson said, adding the skin around the eye is numbed with a mild anesthetic.

Following the approximately one-hour process, the result is eyes that look a little larger and bolder, Nelson said.

Rather than being marketed as an eyeliner though, the Diophtics Co. of California prefers to call it an accent, used

to improve the depth, color and contour of eyes, Nelson said.

"The idea is to accentuate the shape of the eyes," Blum said, "It makes the lashes look fuller. It can be used only as eye makeup though. The company feels it makes you look better. And there's not the trouble to put it on and take it off."

But at a cost of \$800-\$1,000, the question is "is it worth it?" Nelson said.

"Some people think it is," he said, answering his own question.

BOTH NELSON and Blum think the technique, which can only be performed by dermatologists, plastic surgeons and ophthalmologists, is safe.

"Actually they have had no problems with it as far as allergy goes," Nelson said.

That's because the pigment used is composed of natural ingredients, such as carbon and iron oxide.



CAMILLE MCCOY/staff photographer

This procedure, as old as Cleopatra, of putting on makeup recently has been challenged by a new technique, tattooing. Taking advantage of the

traditional technique is Joy Baker of Farmington Hills, who was at Be Lynns.

obituaries

DOROTHY WILDE

Mrs. Wilde, 80, of Deerfield Beach, Florida, died Dec. 19.

Born in England, she was a housewife married to the late Arthur Wilde.

Surviving is a sister, Georgina Homer.

Services were Dec. 27 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Morgan Roberts. Burial was in the Acaela Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

EVELYN TOBIN

Mrs. Tobin, 88, of Bedford Township, died Dec. 19 at Providence Hospital, Southfield.

A native of Michigan, she was a housewife.

Survivors include her husband, Richard, son, Richard Jr., and grandchildren, Richard E. and Michael J. Tobin, Mrs. Kathleen Kyricou and Joan Tobin. She had five great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 21 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas H. Cusick.

MICHAEL KARPUS

Mr. Karpus, 85, of Austin, Texas, died Dec. 20 in Austin.

A veteran of both world wars, he was a tool and die craftsman at Dodge Truck.

Survivors include his sisters, Mary Schwartz and Mary Burghard.

A prayer service was at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home on Dec. 24. Mass was at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church. Officiating was the Rev. Kean Cronin. Burial was in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery, Southfield.

MARY ELIZABETH KRUEGER

Mrs. Krueger, 88, of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec. 21.

A native of Pennsylvania, she was a housewife and wife of the late Edwin R. Krueger.

Survivors include a son, George Patchak, and a daughter, Helen Blazynski. She was the grandmother of seven.

Services were in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Norbert Kozdowski of St. Fabian Roman Catholic Church.

GERTRUDE M. WALTON

Mrs. Walton, 80, of Howell, formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 21 in Livingston Care Center.

Born in Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Walton was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, George; her sons, Jim and Joe; a daughter, Mary Steinhilber; seven grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 24 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. Kean Cronin officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

JACK MARTIN

Mr. Martin, 94, of Novi, formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 22 in Beverly Manor, Novi.

Born in Luxemburg, Holland, Mr. Martin owned Martin Plumbing in

Farmington Hills. He was a member of the Farmington Moose Lodge 1885.

Survivors include his son, Philip; his daughters, Christine Molnar and Mrs. Eugene Gross; a sister, Alice Beck, and a brother, Ed.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the United Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Plymouth. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

HARRIET MAINE GUGEL

Mrs. Gugel, 70, of Farmington, died Dec. 25 in Providence Hospital.

She was a library aid in Farmington Hills and the wife of the late Arnold O. Gugel.

Survivors include daughters, Julia Kamenoff and Kil Stewart; and a sister, Jane Hochner. She is the grandmother of five.

Services were in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home on Dec. 27. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Fox, of the St. John American Lutheran Church.

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