

# Get the look

## Sali Hughes on summer brights

**A**round March, I receive the summer make-up collections. I tear open the Jiffy bags, imagining this year they won't be full of neon orange lipstick and violet eyeshadow I can't even palm off on my small nieces, and instead hold make-up real women can actually wear.

Make-up brands seem to lose their minds in summer, allowing celebrity make-up artists to go mad with colour choice, like Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen in *Homebase*. I love colour, but let's be sensible: pink eyeshadow makes me look like a lab rat; violet, like Phil Oakey circa 1981; and orange lipstick, like I don't brush my teeth and exist on a diet of Quavers and Embassy Regals.

What I'd like is soft, pretty colour that adds a little summery cheer to my face. I'm all for boldness - I'm a fan of green eyeshadow with fuchsia or coral lips, or bright turquoise liner applied in one strong sweep across nude lids, set off with peach cheeks. (I adopt a zero-tolerance policy on pink and blue together. It seems so doll-like, as though applied by a little girl playing dress-up.) I basically want to look how I believe we all do - like grown women; ourselves, only prettier. So I've filtered through the mad stuff to find you these: gorgeous new summer colours that look in no way scary on normals.



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**Chanel Les 4 Ombres Quadra Eye Shadow Palette in Lilium** £36, [selfridges.com](http://selfridges.com)  
Lovely lime and emerald with classic buff and slate. Grown-up, chic colours; perfect textures.

**Maybelline Dream Touch Blush in Peach and Berry** £6.49, [clockwork-pharmacy.com](http://clockwork-pharmacy.com)  
Brilliant mousse. I wear pink with green shadow, peach with blue.



**Nars eye trio in Cap Ferrat** £33, [selfridges.com](http://selfridges.com)  
Pretty aqua, turquoise and pistachio in an easy, blendable formula. I'm wearing this in the picture (above).

**Smashbox Limitless Lip Stain & Balm in Guava** £21.50, [debenhams.com](http://debenhams.com)  
I'm wearing this in my Twitter avatar. A bold, pinky-red that stays put without drying lips.

**RMK Mix Colors For Eyes in EX-04 Green** £26, [beautybay.com](http://beautybay.com)  
Sparkly greens, sky blue and gold that look gorgeous on everyone. The sheer finish is great for novices.

**Revlon ColorBurst Lipgloss in Strawberry and Papaya** £7.99, [boots.com](http://boots.com)  
I rarely wear lipgloss, but this (I'm wearing Papaya here) is somewhere between the two.

