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[On-The-Run Makeup Tips](#)

When time is short, resort to one of these shortcuts for a quick and stylish makeup session

The worst thing that can happen to many of us girls is being pressed for time. But as we very well know, that happens more often than we'd like to admit - in fact, we could safely argue that the opportunities in which we have the luxury of time and can safely spend one whole hour in front of the mirror, putting on makeup (after spending another hour pampering ourselves in the shower) are becoming scantier by the day. As a result, it's good to have a few quick makeup tips up our sleeve, for those days in which the phone is ringing off the hook or there's a very annoyed boyfriend / girlfriend rolling their eyes, waiting for us to finish making ourselves pretty. So here goes. One thing you should never underestimate is your lip gloss, especially as it can be put to good use elsewhere except on your lips, too. For a radiant, natural look, dab a little gloss onto your fingers and softly dab it onto the apples of your freshly moisturized cheeks. Use the same shade of gloss on your lips and keep the eye makeup classic: use a pencil liner only on your upper lid, then blend in a matching eyeshadow. Apply two coats of mascara and you're all set to go. There are lots of "cheats" and shortcuts that can give you a sophisticated look in less time than a normal makeup session. You can achieve a smokey-eye effect in no time using only a black eyeliner and a Q-tip cotton swab. Use the black liner on both the upper and the lower lash line and use the Q-tip to smudge the color all the way around. Apply mascara, blusher and use a natural, nude lip gloss to put even more emphasis on your eyes. Ready! And finally, one more on-the-run look you can achieve in just a few minutes is the colorful, trendy look that's become trademark for this spring and summer. Use daring shades of light blue or mint green for your eyes - but only one shade, and only on the upper lid, from lash line to crease. Apply mascara and turn to your cheeks and use a pink or golden peach blusher for added radiance. Add a cheerful, bright shade of fuchsia or nectarine lip gloss into the mix and you're ready to head out. How difficult was that?