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## A Princess Bride

Beauty Expert Ann Merin Shares What It Takes To Look Like A Royal.

Looking like a princess takes a little getting used to but it can be done. Think: Pageantry, a gorgeous gown and, of course, the ability to charm and impress. To help you on your way to feeling like a prinness, read on...

Remember Audrey Hepburn's iconic look in Breakfast at Tiffany's and how her character, Holly Golightly, transformed from plain, country girl to glamorous, Manhattan socialite by dressing like a royal? Aspiring princess brides everywhere can take a lesson from Ms. Golightly. We asked expert and author Ann Merin, and host of TLC's popular Wedding Day Makeover, for her advice and know-how on just what it takes to look like a princess bride.

UP WITH THE DO Updos have long been fashionable for aristocracy, but the most memorable styles were those of Marie Antoinette who achieved her multi-tiered ringlets with the help of wigs. Fast-forward several centuries when modern-day princesses have gravitated towards more elegant styles such as the classic bun that Grace Kelly chose for her wedding to Prince Rainier of Monaco. Keep in mind that even a simple updo takes some time and talent to produce so you'll want to work with a professional stylist

and do a trial to test out your ideas.

DAZZLE WITH A TIARA How do you spot a princess? Why she's the one wearing the sparkling tiara. After all, nothing says royalty more than this dazzling accessory. Don't be frightened by the giant bling you've seen placed on the heads of royalty. Today's bridal



tiaras come in all sizes and styles which whisper "princess." Be sure to bring your headpiece to your hair trial so you can see how it will work with different updo options.

FLAWLESS SKIN Storybook princesses always seemed to have one thing in common naturally perfect skin. Real-life brides can achieve a flawless look that's very close to storybook princess perfection with the use of airbrush makeup, which mists the surface of your skin with tiny droplets of color. Airbrush is great for foundation but also works perfectly to cover scars or any other imperfections. It's best to work with a makeup artist who has been specially trained in airbrush. However, if you've spent most of your money on your ball

gown and tiara, opt like other aspiring princesses and try the TEMPTU AIRbrush Makeup System (temptu.com), which produces a professional look.

## LENGTHEN LASHES Long

lashes are a wedding day must and fake eyelash strips are a good option but removing them after the wedding may make you feel like Cinderella after midnight. Your best option for a dramatic but completely natural, lash look that will last through your honeymoon is to get professionally applied eyelash extensions. These are individual synthetic lashes attached to the base of each of your natural lashes. To make your lashes look worthy of a royal wedding, add sparkly, crystal coated lashes to the outer corner of your eyes.

## SLIP INTO GLOVES Long white gloves (often called opera

length) have long been a favorite accessory for royals and are a perfect complement to today's strapless and halter wedding dress designs. Gloves made specifically for brides come with a slit on the inside of the ring finger on the left hand so that they do not have to be removed for the exchanging of the rings. Keep the gloves on at least through the first dance so your husband can feel what it's like to dance with a real live princess.