



## How to apply stage makeup

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### Prepare your skin

Use a moisturizer first. OR Blend equal parts moisturizer with your foundation with fingers only, not palms.

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### Add foundation

Use a liquid foundation 2 shades darker than your normal skin tone. Stroke upward and outward beginning with cheeks, forehead, the bone just under your eyebrows, into the hair surrounding your face, down your face into your neck, down to your collarbone and finally onto the back of your neck. BLENDING IS ESSENTIAL...the more you blend the nicer you look. Avoid streaks. Give it 1-2 minutes to dry.

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### Apply Powder

Apply powder matching the color of your liquid makeup over every area of your foundation. This includes the eyes, but only after the rest of your makeup is powdered. Again...blend, blend, blend! Upward strokes are great. Why powder? Powder keeps your makeup on your face under the very hot lighting while you are performing!

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### Apply blush

Apply a blush with a brush to create a rosy-cheeked look. Apply to cheekbones and swipe into the hair above your cheeks, the bone under the eyebrow and up into the upper part of your forehead. Don't reapply blush to the brush. Keep going up and blending. Use red tones only.

**At this point, you will start to look overly made up. Don't panic. This is what will prevent you from being washed out by the lights.**

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### Do your eyes

Ladies: Apply medium brown to eyelids - not on the bone under the eyebrow. Then apply a dark brown liner on both upper and lower lids. Best to use a dark brown shadow over a pencil. Use lots of dark/black mascara and an eyelash curler. Keep in mind, we want to see your eyes on stage, but the people of Boar's Head era did not wear makeup.

Men: Apply medium brown to eyelids - not the bone under the eyebrow. Apply eye liner on lower lids only.

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### Finish off with lipstick

Everyone wears lipstick - brown/red or coral, NOT pink, bright red, or neutral colors.

Ladies: Apply to both upper and lower lips - it doesn't have to be heavy.

Men: Apply to lower lip only.

**Check in with the makeup crew for either added specialty makeup or an OK GO.**

### Note on Children:

Children will have less makeup than adults. Smallest children will not have makeup. For older children, just basic makeup with blush and lipstick only on the bottom lip is all they need. Some of the children will need more specialized makeup added, depending on their roles.

Some video tutorials for reference:

[Basic stage makeup for men and women](#)

[More basic stage makeup](#)

**Please no pinks in lipstick or blush. No purple, pink or frosted eye shadows. No glitter**