

Budget or Blowout?

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Compact make-up kits are just as handy for handbags as they are for holiday packing – keep a tin or two to hand, and you can top up your make-up throughout the day, without having to scrabble around the bottom of your bag for endless pots, tubs and tubes. Whether you want to treat yourself to top brands or find a good bargain, there's a compact kit for every beauty budget!

EYES

Blowout?



Smashbox 'Smokebox' palette (£32): This set from Smashbox has all the tools needed to achieve the perfect smoky-eyed look. With six shades to mix and match, you can play around and create your own tailor-made range of smouldering, smoky styles, beautifully blended with the included double-ended brush.

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EYEBROWS

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Benefit 'Brow Zings' brow shaping kit (£24.50): One of Benefit's best-selling products, this dinky kit comes in three shades, so you can choose the palette best suited to your natural eyebrow colour. Apply the pigmented wax with the hard-angled brush to shape eyebrows, then use the blending brush to apply the powder, filling in any sparse areas and setting the colour so your brows stay defined all day long. Brow Zings also comes with discreet tweezers, mirror and a lesson booklet.

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LIPS

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Stila 'Colour Me Pretty' convertible colour lip & cheek palette (£19.50): This clever convertible palette – packaged in a lovely elegant tin – comes with five shades of creamy, translucent colour that can be applied to both lips and cheeks. Choose from rosy pink hues or peachy coral shades to match your make-up mood, or try blending the easy-to-apply creams to get new colours – brilliant for experimenting with different beauty looks!

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Sleek 'Lip 4' palette (£8.99): This colour rich lipstick quad is available in six different palettes, so you can find the perfect match for your skin tone, or experiment with the different natural and bold shades on offer. As well as a lip brush and mirror, each set contains a variety of matte, gloss and satin finishes which can be used on their own to achieve different looks. Why not try combining colours and finishes, and create your very own unique lipstick shade?

Blowout?

Too Faced 'Natural Face' natural radiance face palette (£31.00): 'Contouring' is the secret weapon of hundreds of celebrities and make-up artists, helping to accentuate your face shape and give your skin a warm, sun-kissed glow. This palette from Too Faced contains six essential contouring elements, including cream and

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Sleek 'Face Form' face contour kit (£9.99): Available in a variety of shades to suit all skin tones, Face Form is made up of a contour powder, highlighter and blusher or bronzer depending on the shade you buy. Define your face shape with the contour powder, before topping with blusher or bronzer to add colour to your cheeks and highlighter to, well, highlight your cheekbones and give your skin a radiant appearance.

