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How to Add a Little Drama to Your Look With Makeup Pencils

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Whether you're a makeup minimalist, everyday enthusiast or some unique combination of the two, knowing how to use makeup pencils is definitely helpful. Although they look easy to use, a lot of us still struggle to do it correctly. Thankfully, some brands are streamlining the application process by creating pencil products exclusively, including **Nudestix**. The travel-friendly line is a go-to when we're low on time and a reminder that using pencils should never be complicated. If you need a quick refresher on how to add a little drama in just a few steps, check out MUA Danielle Lewis' pro-tips below!

How To Use Your Makeup Pencils



Start by applying your foundation with the hands, a sponge or brush. If you fill in your brows, this is a good time to do that, too.

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Next, swipe the Nudestix eye pencil (\$24, [sephora.com](https://www.sephora.com)) across the lid.



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Use the smudger on the opposite end or a fluffy brush to blend the product into the lash line then up towards your crease. According to Lewis, this creates more depth at the lash and a sheer wash of color going toward the brow.



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Want to up the smolder factor? Start by tightlining the upper lash line and rimming the bottom lash line with a dark black eyeliner. Instant come hither stare; especially if you add more shadow under the lash line, too!



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Want to add dimension?...



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Apply clear lipgloss to the center of the lid for patent leather shine.

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Don't forget to finish off your entire eye look with a layer of black mascara.



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Next, warm a bit of the Nudestix Lip and Cheek Pencil (\$24, [sephora.com](https://www.sephora.com)) on your fingertips and apply it to the apple of the cheeks for a pop of color with a satin finish.



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Use that same Lip and Cheek Pencil (\$24, sephora.com) and swipe along the lip for more opaque coverage or tap it in the center of the mouth for a sheer, blossoming affect.



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Voila! You have an easy to apply makeup look with just enough drama.



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Shop the entire Nudestix line [here!](#)

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