

# queen of hearts

Celebrate pretty sensuality à la Marie Antoinette with sultry make-up, porcelain skin and hair piled high - all topped off with a mist of signature fragrance. The boudoir beckons...  
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## Palace intrigue

A classic smoky eye uses blacks and browns, but softer wine-inspired burgundy shades are more subtle, more versatile and just as sexy. 'Prep eyelids with foundation and a light dusting of powder,' says make-up artist Algia Ferreira. 'Then apply your highlight shade along your brow bone and from the inner corner of your eye, extending it one-third along your lash line.' Now apply a shimmery burgundy colour to your socket, blending it where it meets the highlighter. Add a sweep of colour below your bottom lash line. Line the insides of your upper and lower lids with a burgundy pencil and finally, apply black kohl to the top lash line. Finish with black or brown mascara, or burgundy mascara if you have pale eyes.



## Let them wear red

The modern boudoir look is a stained mouth rather than a highly glossed one, so arm yourself with a lip pencil and lip colour, then prepare lips by exfoliating them and following with a treatment product like La Mer's lip balm. 'Paint lips with a pillar-box red shade of moisturising lipstick, gently blot and then go over them with a cherry-red lip pencil. This will give your lips a velvet texture,' says Algia. Add a tiny bit of lip gloss to the centre of your bottom lip if you need some extra moisture.

### Royal scent

Marie Antoinette was both revered and ridiculed for her lavish toilette and her entourage was nicknamed 'the perfumed court'. Legend has it that it was her distinct perfume that gave her away when she was fleeing Paris during the revolution. Bring a little boudoir glam to your dressing table with a bottle of scent that's as gorgeous as the fragrance inside. And add an atomiser - always a beautiful 'just because' accessory.

STYLING CAREY WATSON MAKE-UP ALBRIA FERREIRA HAIR VITTORIA SHANNON/TANAZ HAIR BODY AND NAILS MODEL LILY/MAX MODELS PROP AND JEWELLERY DETAILS SEE PAGE 119

### The high life

'An up-style gives you an air of elegance,' says Vittoria Shannon, stylist at Tanaz Hair Body and Nails. While Marie Antoinette's pouf is too much for modern wear, create a soft Noughties version.

- \* Blow-wave your bangs and front section of hair for a smooth look or use your natural kink.
- \* Twist the back section into a chignon, leaving the ends loose to tumble over the top.
- \* Fan your curls out and pin in place.
- \* Comb the front section to one side and wrap it around to meet the chignon; then clip it in place.
- \* Finish with hairspray and some shine serum for an extra touch of gloss.