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# What's In Your Toolkit?

The industry's top stylists and make-up artists spill the beans on their favourite styling gadgets



Make-up artists and hairdressers cannot do without their tool kits. Well, after all the tool kits are the ones used to create magical transformations in clients. We asked a few stylists what they have in their toolkits, and this is what they told us.



**Cherag Bamboat, Founder, Magical Makeovers**

I cannot do without the Iwata airbrush machine, as it is a high performance line of airbrush guns that are the most popular amongst professional make-up artists.



**Ishika Taneja, Beauty Expert & Executive Director, ALPS group.**

The three most important things I carry are the YSL touché éclat (light diffusing pens). They give immense amount of brightness to my client's eyes by diffusing from just the right places and revealing a sparkling set of eyes sans any dark circles or puffiness.



**Ojas Rajani, Celebrity Make-up and Hairstylist**

I swear by a pair of tongs from GHD. It helps me style any kind of hair, from curling, creating waves to straightening and even helps in adding volume. It is a must have in my tool-kit. I also love GHD ceramic pro brushes and you will find one in my bag always.



**Renee Melek, Owner, Renee Melek Salon**

My pick, when it comes to a tool is, the Wahl Beret Trimmer. It is a super handy trimmer to do anything from a bob to fringes or even hair tattoos. It doesn't stop here, and gives a good finish to men's hairline cleaning and is good for beard shaping too.



**Vipul Chudasama, Owner, Vipul Chudasama Education and Hair Studio**

My favourite has to be the Ikonc Professional range, not because I am associated with the brand but because Ikonc has almost everything a hairdresser can ask for. Its different products make it a wholesome experience and is designed for Indian hair. Of all the products, my favourite is the Ikonc Tong and Ikonc Dressing Brush.



**Lizzy Liu, Hair dresser, Mirrors & Within**

I carry my Jaguar Scissors, Ikonc hair dryer and Denman hair brushes all the time. Scissors are one of the most important tools for a hairdresser and the Jaguar scissors, are high-grade stainless steel scissors made in Germany. Ikonc is a leading brand of professional styling tools and accessories in India and Ikonc hairdryers are exceptional and easy to use. Denman brushes are made in UK, which are renowned for exceptional standards of quality, performance and innovation. With a Denman brush, styling time has gone down to as little as 20 minutes and the brushes leave hair with clearly defined curls, a shiny lustre and no tangles as an added advantage.





**Stewart Harland,  
Creative Director,  
Saks Hair and  
Beauty India**

The one item I can't do without is my pink plastic dressing out bristle brush, I bought it in Crawford and it is my rock, I can section with it and use it to brush and smooth hair. Create messy braids and chew on, when looking for inspiration! My tool kit essentials are also the Double Barrel Curler by Ikonic, perfect for creating beautiful S bend waves and my wooden backed Paddle Brush by Denman. I never leave home without these in my kit.



**Ryan D'Rozario,  
Director, Salon Muah**

As far as hairstyling is concerned, I have the Super. Taper by Wahl, a clipper which only some old and experienced professionals know about the Yasaka Scissors is also a lightweight texturiser and can be used by both left and right handers, unlike most scissors available in the market. Lastly, the Sassoon Comb is also a must in my bag. This product is made only in Japan and gives a thick shape, wherein your hair becomes slight smooth and dry.



**Savio John Pereira, Owner,  
Savio John Pereira Salon**

My tool bag contains a mini paddle brush from Denman, a GHD Flat Iron and a SJP 7 inch scissors. These are a must-haves for me because they are the best and are extremely versatile tools to have as a Super Stylist.



**Monaz Cooper, Stylist, Hair Expert  
and Owner, KAMAL'S Unisex Salon**

Irons popularly known as straightening tools are a great keep in your kit, especially the latest ones with titanium plates which provide a smoother, shinier finish. I love the one from Ikonic.

