Beauty by Maria-
Frequently Asked Questions

Timeline

What size party do you accommodate?

I am a freelance hairstylist and makeup artist. I do not have employees, but I work with other stylists and makeup artists whom I reach out to if they are available, to accommodate larger parties that I cannot do alone. Once I have the number of people who want hair/makeup services, I can let you know.

How long does it take for hairstyling and makeup application?

Hairstyling for the bride is 60 minutes.

Bridesmaids/mothers is approximately 45 minutes.

Makeup application takes approximately 45 minutes.

I will accept up to 5 hours' worth of work alone. Should you require my co-stylist to cut the time in half (for 5.5 hours or less), an added fee of $150 will be added to your balance.

Parties over 6 hours will require my co-stylist to help at no added charge. Should you need a third stylist/makeup artist, a fee will be added to your balance.

Payment and Tipping

What methods of payment do you accept?

I prefer cash but accept Venmo as well.

What is a standard percentage for tipping?

Typically, you tip a hairdresser and a makeup artist what you would tip a server. A standard tip for a hairdresser/makeup artist is around 20% or whatever you feel is sufficient for the job they have done.

Airbrushing vs. Traditional makeup

Do you offer airbrush makeup? What makeup do you use?

I do not offer airbrush makeup.

I only use products I personally know will wear and last all day and night; that can be cried in, sweat in, and rained on. Nothing will be flawless and last forever, but I do my best to find the most suitable products for my bridal parties. I do not use one specific brand of makeup however, due to sensitivities, I can provide a list of products I use upon request.

Travel

I am getting married out of town, do you travel?

On your wedding day, we will come to you in the comfort of your own home, hotel, venue, or wherever you will be. We travel up to 15 miles with no travel fee. A travel fee of $1.40 per mile round trip ($.70 there and back) will be applied if the travel is more than 15 miles from my home in Howell, MI for parties of more than 3.

Parties of 3 or less will be charged a flat rate travel fee of $100 plus mileage.

Accommodation for the stylist must be made in the following situations: The site location is 60 miles or more away, it is not practical to travel on the day of your wedding (i.e., early start time before 7am), distance (60 miles or

more away), weather conditions, etc. Hotel accommodation must be arranged for the night before the wedding day. All parking fees and travel fees will be applied to the travel balance.

Booking your day

I have read all the information posted on Beauty by Maria's website (pricing, deposit, first look appointment, travel, etc.) How do I book you for my wedding date?

I require a **non-refundable deposit** to hold your wedding date. This deposit will be applied toward your total balance. I require a contract to be filled out and sent back to me.

Please note, until you pay your deposit, your wedding date will remain available for others to book. Once the deposit has been made, your day is closed to all others who may contact me. I never take more than one bridal party in a day.

Replicating a look

Can you duplicate a makeup look from pictures in a magazine or from Pinterest?

I always love pictures as inspiration but tailor each look to my clients' face shape and complexion. In the case of makeup, these pictures are usually overly photoshopped and appear flawless, this is an unrealistic expectation. I prefer to apply makeup in a way that enhances your natural beauty. Pictures are always great as a point of reference.

First Look appointment

When should I make my first look appointment?

I recommend four to six weeks MAXIMUM before your wedding, but you can absolutely make your first look appointment at any time if you are not comfortable with the four-to-six-week timeframe.

I will contact you three months prior to your wedding date to set up a day for your first look appointment. If you require a second appointment, this is separate from the bridal package pricing and payment must be paid the day of the appointment.

Anyone who feels more comfortable having a first look appointment is more than welcome to set one up before the wedding day at an added fee.

This will take approximately 2 hours for both hair and makeup, 1 hour for hair only, 1 hour for makeup only. I schedule trial/first look appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 11AM-5PM and Fridays 9AM-1PM.

What to expect at your first look appointment

You can bring your veil to see how it looks with your hair and any other hair accessories you may have for the big day but are not required. You can send inspiration photos prior to the appointment so I have an idea of what you are looking for. If you have clip-in extensions, please bring them **clean and blown dry.**

A first look hair appointment takes approximately 1 hour.

A first look makeup appointment takes approximately 1 hour.

A first look appointment for both hair and makeup takes approximately 2 hours.

We will discuss any wedding day details and go over the contract. I schedule these appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 11AM-5PM and Fridays 9AM-1PM.

Skin & Hair Prep

What should I do in preparation for the big day?

Makeup services: to get your skin looking and feeling great for the big day, we recommend keeping a consistent skincare regimen for your skin type; cleansing the skin morning and night, applying toner (optional) and applying a moisturizer. Skin should be exfoliated three times a week in order to keep it looking and feeling fresh and to help keep the dead skin cells away. The day of your makeup application, be sure to have the skin cleansed and moisturized and tweezed eyebrows from any stray hairs or waxed a few days prior. I also have a truly knowledgeable esthetician I can refer to you for facials and any skin related issues.

Hair services: The day of your wedding be sure you and your bridesmaids have your hair clean and blown dry. It is extremely helpful if you use a volumizing mousse and a smoothing cream before blow drying as we would like as little to no frizz as possible. The same goes for any clip in extensions.

We want to make sure the getting ready process goes smoothly and stays on track. Blow drying wet hair takes up time that is not built into the schedule and will be an added fee if we must dry anyone's hair. The same applies with placing clip-in extensions, there will be an added fee if anyone in the party does not have their extensions clipped in prior to their scheduled time. Any other instructions will be given at your first look appointment.