

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Meeting**

I love your work, but I would feel more comfortable having you work on me before booking you.

Let's create a first look! If you would like to schedule an appointment with me to make sure I would be the perfect fit for you and your bridal party on your wedding day, let's set it up! This is its own fee just as if you contacted me to have your hair and/or makeup done for a night on the town. It is separate from the bridal package pricing and payment must be paid the day of the appointment.

## **Timeline**

What size party do you accommodate? How long does it take for hairstyling and makeup application?

*Almost* any size bridal party can be accommodated. I have a licensed co-stylist and makeup artist who come with me to help when I have large parties.

Hairstyling for the bride is 45-60 minutes.

Bridesmaids/mothers is approximately 45 minutes.

Makeup application takes approximately 45 minutes.

I will take 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 additional fee will be added to your balance.

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

## **Payment and Tipping**

What methods of payment do you accept?

I accept cash, Venmo, PayPal and credit card (3% convenience fee will be added to use a card).

What is a standard percentage for tipping?

Typically, you tip a hairdresser and a makeup artist what you would tip a waitress. 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?

I do not offer airbrush makeup. It is always hard for me to put an explanation into a short summary as to why I do not airbrush and why it isn't always the best choice in comparison to traditional makeup.

Airbrush makeup will NOT make you look flawless which is a common misconception because most people get airbrush makeup confused with 'airbrushing' in Photoshop. There are a lot of very talented artists who use airbrush makeup and do a beautiful job, it is just not something I specialize in or offer. All the makeup in my kit is hand chosen by me after lots and lots of testing and practicing on others and myself for all weather conditions and circumstances.

I only use products that I personally know will wear well and last all day and night; that can be cried in, sweat in, and rained on, applying and blending everything by hand. 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 certain brand of makeup however, due to some 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 \$1.16 per mile round trip (\$.58 there and back) will be applied if the travel will be between more than 15 miles from my home in Howell, MI for parties of more than 3.

You will be expected to cover all costs for hotel accommodations where it is not practical to travel on the day of your wedding i.e., early start time (before 7am), distance, weather conditions, etc.

Parties of 3 or less will be charged a flat rate travel fee of \$60+ mileage as stated above.

If the site location is 60 miles or more away, hotel accommodations must be made (1 room) for my co-stylist and myself for the night before the wedding day. All parking fees will also be applied to the travel balance. In addition to hotel coverage, a travel fee of \$1.16 per mile round trip (\$.58 there and back) will be applied.

There will be an additional fee of \$150 if we are booked on any federal holiday or holiday weekend as stated below:

*New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Memorial Day weekend, Independence Day (July 4th), Independence Day weekend, Labor Day, Labor Day weekend, Thanksgiving Day and weekend, Christmas Day and weekend*

### **Booking your day**

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

I require a \$150 non-refundable deposit to hold your wedding date. This deposit will be applied toward your total balance. I will send you my contract to fill out and have back to me at least 3 months prior to your wedding day. I am a very organized person, so requesting the contract be sent to me filled out 3 months prior to your wedding day is to keep me organized and to ensure I have enough help.

Please note, until you pay your deposit, your wedding date will remain available for others to book. Once the deposit is paid, that 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 4-6 weeks MAXIMUM before your wedding, but you can absolutely make your first look appointment at any time if you are not comfortable with the 4-6-week timeframe.

I will contact you 2-3 months prior to your wedding date to set up a day for your first look appointment. If you require a second appointment, that can be arranged. An additional first look 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 additional fee.

This will take approximately 90 minutes for both hair and makeup, 1 hour for hair only, 1 hour for makeup only. I schedule trial appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 11AM-5PM and Fridays 9AM-1PM.

### **What to expect at your first look appointment**

At your first look appointment, you can bring someone with you whose opinion you trust. You can bring your veil if you have one, and any other hair accessories you may have for the big day. Bringing pictures are welcome as a point of reference. If you have clip in extensions, please bring them clean and 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 take approximately 1.5 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.

I will take a picture of the hair and makeup once we are finished, to keep on file until your wedding day.

### **Skin/Hair Prep**

What should I do in preparation for the big day?

Makeup services: in order 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 3 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 eyebrows tweezed of any stray hairs or waxed a few days prior. I also have a very knowledgeable esthetician I can refer to you for facials!

Hair services: The day of your wedding be sure you and your bridesmaids have your hair clean and blown dry. It is very helpful if you use a volumizing mousse and a smoothing cream before blow drying. The same goes for any clip in extensions.

Blow drying wet hair takes up additional time and we want to make sure the getting ready process goes smoothly and stays on track. Any other instructions will be given at your first look appointment.