Sugar and Spice – Celebrating Black Owned Beauty Brands – by Angela Dolbear

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Celebrating Black-owned Beauty Brands

February is Black History Month so I am highlighting a few of my favorite eye shadow palettes from Black–owned beauty companies.

Juvia's Place – The Tribe and The Zulu palettes – Bright bold and highly pigmented eye shadow. I got "The Zulu" palette first, and I have to admit, the bright colors scared me a little bit. But they blended beautifully, and I reach for this palette often, especially when I want a dramatic summer or spring eye shadow color. The palettes are affordable, and Juvia's Place often has great sales.

Beauty Bakerie – Breakfast In Bed palette – I love the subtle and smoky shades of this palette. It contains both shimmers and matte colors that blend well together. I also have the Face Flour Baking Powder to set my foundation when my skin is on the oily side, or on a day that the humidity level is high.

Ace Beauté – Paradise Fallen and Falling for You palettes – These highly pigmented palettes, which contain my favorite collection of warm tones, and my personal fave—purples and violets. They blend so well, and the packaging is so lovely to display in my dressing room.

"Deserted Island" Product: Not that I would wear makeup on a deserted island, but if I did, I would need some grapeseed oil (organic preferably) to remove my eye makeup. Years ago, I read in a beauty magazine that make-up artists recommend using grapeseed oil to remove eye make-up because it does an excellent job, is not too oily, and it nourishes your lashes. I have been using grapeseed oil to remove my eye make-up for years, and I agree with the cosmetics experts.

I usually purchase the oil at the grocery store, and sometimes on Amazon. I keep a refillable 3 oz. flip-top squeeze bottle full of the oil in my bathroom, stored with my night-time beauty regimen products.

First, I dowse my face with warm water. Next, I pour a little oily in my palm, and then gently press the oil into my lashes and eye area, ever so gently massage the mascara off. Lastly, I rinse with warm water, and all my eye make-up is gone!

Also, my lashes are still thick and strong, even after years of abusing them with glue-on false eyelashes.

I hope you have found some inspiration to try some new palettes. Blessings to you!

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