



THERE HAS BEEN NO SHORTAGE OF SLAYAGE ON THE RED CARPET THIS AWARDS SEASON. IT WAS A CLEAN SWEEP FOR THREE TRENDS AND ONE BREAKOUT BEAUTY STAR

BY NYKIA SPRADLEY

# for the win

Tracee Ellis Ross  
at the 23rd Annual  
SAG Awards »

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# Dark LIPS

IN AN ODE TO THE NINETIES, BROWN AND DEEP BERRY LIPS MADE A STUNNING COMEBACK, PROVING THAT BOLD AND SULTRY TINTS ARE TIMELESS



Erykah Badu



Jill Scott



Kerry Washington



Viola Davis



Samira Wiley



Selita Ebanks

“The key to picking a good brown for darker skin tones is to find one that has red or pink undertones,” says celebrity makeup artist Autumn Moultrie, who did the look seen here on Viola Davis for the Golden Globes. “The choice to do a neutral brown lip on Viola was intentional. I wanted her bright yellow dress to be the focal point.” Brown lipsticks work well with a brownish-pink center like Viola’s, or gold or bronze depending on the skin tone. A chocolate lip with too much gray may appear bland. »



For darker skin tones, **wine or berry is a great shade**, but look for lipstick that is blue-based in a matte or shiny finish.”

—Autumn Moultrie  
Makeup artist

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Zuri Hall

V. Bozeman

Terry Pheto

“Even though it takes several weeks to see results, I did notice a bit of skin tightening after the first session.”  
 —Nykia Spradley  
 Beauty Editor

# Eye LIGHTS

“Highlighting the eyes can give the illusion that they are farther apart and generally make them appear more open and awake,” says makeup artist Niki Metz, who created the look for *E! Live From the Red Carpet* host Zuri Hall (top). “I wanted Zuri to have a subtle glow. It’s not about highlighter all over, it’s about the placement of the highlighter. Place it where you see the brightness on your skin. For brown skin tones, apply a cream base highlighter first and powder on top to add dimension.”

TROPHIES WEREN'T THE ONLY THINGS SHINING THIS SEASON. HINTS OF HIGHLIGHTER AT THE INNER CORNERS OF THE EYE MADE THESE LOOKS AWARD-WORTHY

“I’ve been looking for a fix for my acne scarring. I love that this didn’t require much recovery time for my sensitive skin.”  
 —Joiee Thorpe  
 Fashion Editor

# Get the STAR Treatment

TWO ESSENCE EDITORS PUT SOME PRESHOW PREP TACTICS TO THE TEST

If your goal is to blast some belly bulge and go Spanx-free for a special event, you may want to try the SculpSure body contouring procedure.

**WHAT IT DOES:** Using a laser, the in-office device melts fat by dissolving pesky fat cells so that they don’t come back.

**PROS:** There’s no surgery required. The treatment only takes 25 minutes and you only need one or two.

**CONS:** It will be at least 6 to 12 weeks before you can see results.

**COST:** Price varies by location, but on average it’s \$600 to treat a small area, such as a patch of skin on your leg, and \$1,200 for a larger area like your entire abdomen.

On those truly festive occasions, the last thing you want is for bad skin to distract from your stunning ensemble, which is why our editor with years-old acne scars tried the EndyMed 3DEEP.

**WHAT IT DOES:** This noninvasive process uses radio frequency energy to stimulate and boost the body’s natural collagen, which can improve and even the skin.

**PROS:** There’s little to no downtime.

Depending on the level of smoothness you want to achieve or how deep your scars are, you’ll need three to eight treatments.

**CONS:** Some people may experience mild discomfort.

**COST:** The average price is \$500 to \$600 per visit, but discounts are possible. ▣



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