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THE
NATURAL
LOOK

What is it? Nouveau Lashes, from £120

The lowdown I have long, natural lashes but I want a fuller, more dramatic effect. The therapist cleans my lashes then tapes down my bottom set, before meticulously attaching between 30 and 50 new lashes along my top lash line, which takes about an hour.

Results My new lashes are low-maintenance – I give them a quick comb and a coat of conditioning treatment every three days. The effect is natural – although my eyes look bigger, the effect isn't as dramatic as I'd hoped. My lashes last a week and a half before they begin to drop out.

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THE
INSTANT
MASCARA

What is it? Shavasana Lashes, from £60

The lowdown After taping my eyelids shut and securing my lower lashes with surgical tape, my therapist takes an hour and a half to attach pre-curved polyester lashes along my upper lash line, using 60 lashes per eye, in various lengths, to create a sweep effect.

Results I'm thrilled! The added length, volume and drama is like the world's best mascara effect, rather than looking fake. They last for three weeks before they begin to fall out with my natural lashes.

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THE FALSIES EFFECT

What is it? Jinny Lash, from £80

The lowdown Lashes range from 6-14mm in length, thick or thin, and black or coloured. I opt for long, black false-looking lashes, as I want a complete change. My lower lashes are taped down while the therapist applies 100 lashes per eye.

Results My lashes do look unnatural as they're so long, but their softness keeps them looking pretty, rather than spidery. And I don't need to use curlers or mascara. I begin to lose lashes after two weeks, but the majority stay in for six.

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THE LONG-
LASTERS

What is it? Xtreme Lashes, £250

The lowdown You can opt for thick or super-thick, depending on how dense you want your lashes. My bottom lashes are held down with a sticky, anti-ageing eye mask, while along my top lash line, around 120 synthetic lashes are attached as close to the roots as possible, without touching the skin. It takes two hours to do both eyes.

Results Thick and beautifully curled up and out for a glamorous effect, my lashes are jet black so I don't need mascara, just a coat of conditioning treatment every two days. They're pricey, but you get a free refill when they start to fall out.

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THE DOUBLE
TAKE LASHES

What is it? AH Francis 3D Lashes, £88

The lowdown My lower lashes are taped down and I'm warned that I'll have to keep my eyes still and shut for the next two hours. I imagine this will be a chance to relax, but I feel tense as I struggle to keep my eyeballs still.

Results I fall in love with my new lashes afresh every day. Everyone I know does a double take when they see me and I feel so much more confident – who knew lashes could make such a difference? By night-time my eyes do feel tired, but that's a small price to pay. After three weeks, they're only just starting to fall out.

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