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Because a girl's gotta look hot on a yacht...

How to...

get resort fabulous FAST

OH, FOR THE LIFESTYLE OF THE RICH AND THE FAMOUS, TRACEY WITHERS LEARNS TO FAKE IT TILL SHE MAKES IT

The invitation: Three days, six stars of impossibly upscale plushness at Qualia in the Whitsundays. The RSVP? Um, yes! The glitch? I'm still surgically attached to tights. Activate post-winter crisis plan. Break out in case of bikini emergency!

If you can't tone it, tan it
Swimsuit models, yachties and hotties are roaming Hamilton Island like it's a safari park for beautiful people. Intimidating. Exercise cramming won't cut it – my better body's coming from the tanning bottle. I pick the new ModelCo Sunsponge from the potentials. Credentials: bronzing agents that adapt to skin tone for a built-for-me golden brown.

The precision applicator contours colour, sculpting insta-abs, downsizing thighs. It takes time and concentration. But fast-forward to me by the Coral Sea. Feel (almost) like I've bodysnatched a Brazilian.

Wear heiress hair

Another thing about trustafarian resort types: that glossy, genetic-jackpot hair, impervious to sultry heat. I ask hairdresser Oscar Cullinan how to copycat. "Dry hair absorbs moisture from the air, so in humidity it will expand, lose shape and

go frizzy," he explains. Subtext? Make big with the moisture masks. Remember, cooling closes cuticles – a chilled rinse and the cool shot on the hairdryer will help stop frizz. "The more porous your hair, the more chlorine your hair absorbs. Saturating it in fresh water before swimming limits absorption of pool or salt water," Cullinan adds. Noted.

Master bankrolled beauty

A balmy evening. A gleaming yacht club. The glitterati sip French and await Little Joe by Gail Elliot's Jet-Set Resort show. I'm backstage for a status check. Glazed limbs, beach-chic playsuits. And an evening-appropriate smouldering eye. So how does that stick in summer? "High quality powders," says makeup director Leiane Taylor. "Prep the lid with face powder and a layer of light shadow. Then build intensity with a dark shade. Always shadow over liner to lock it in place."

Bust out bronzer too. "The sheerest line of bronzer beneath the eye merges your skin with the edge of the smoky shadow so it's not stark. It's seamless." Foundation with a high water content gives best grip. "On a hot night it won't go shiny. By day, I mix water into ModelCo Fluidsplash and it's a notch above tinted moisturiser. "That's the rich-girl resort vibe," shrugs Taylor. Totally together, without looking like you've worked for it. Ahem, even when you have.



Little Joe by Gail Elliot Resort 09



Get the look

1. ModelCo Sunsponge, \$49 – customised colour you can contour
2. Aveda Sun Care Hair And Body Cleanser, \$39.95 – de-chlorinate after a dip
3. ModelCo Fluidsplash 3-in-1 Foundation, \$62 – divinely dewy by day or night
4. Kiehl's Sunflower Color Preserving Deep Recovery Pak, \$56 – fortifies, hydrates and fights frizz
5. ModelCo Glow Summer Bronze, \$58 – an all-over face bronzing palette

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