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The newest collection from MAC features lots of bold shades and earthy tones, writes **Sushma Veera**

THE MAC Styleseeker for the autumn 2012 collection reflects the "spirit and style of a global wanderer" with its reds, oranges and earth tones.

This collection, in deep rich red, purple, orange, brown and golden shades, includes duo eyeshadow, fluid-line eyeliner, matte lipstick, lipglass (unique lip gloss that can create a high gloss, glass-like finish or a subtle sheen), powder blusher and nail lacquer. I tried the powder blusher and Lipglass.

SUPER CHEEK

MAC Supercontinental Blush (RM78) is described as a bright cute coral with a satin finish that looks peach-coral in the pan but is pinker on skin. This caught me off guard as I'm usually reluctant to use pink shades.

But, after trying it for a week, I realised that the soft kiss of coral actually flatters my skin tone.

The shimmer free blusher gives a

subtle sheen on the finish. I applied with a light hand or sometimes with finishing powder for a soft shade that did not look like I had spent hours putting on my make-up. It only took a few brushes to give my cheeks look sun-kissed.

For a more dramatic look in the evening, just apply extra strokes of the brush. I also like the blusher because it is scent-free and easy to use. I just needed to do a light "tap-tap" to get the right amount of powder and a couple swipes across my cheekbones.

The colour applies smoothly and evenly on the skin without being dusty or crumbly. The downside is its lack of staying power.

So, it is advisable to carry it along in case there is a need to touch-up. The Supercontinental blusher comes on the standard MAC compacts with a snap-shut, see-through lid.

LIP TINT

The Restless tinted Lipglass (RM68) is described as dark burnt bronze, with hints of maroon, copper shimmer and a bit of red. The colour is semi-opaque but still applies evenly overall.

It comes in standard MAC packaging with doe-foot applicators that applies evenly and has the signature MAC vanilla smell.

This range also comprises the

C-Thru, Eclectic Edge and Ready to Roam shades.

Designed to be worn on its own, over lip pencil or lipstick, Lipglass contains jojoba oil to help soften and condition the lips.

The Lipglass is pigmented and not that difficult to wear. The colour is intense enough to be worn on its own. Lipglass is known for its sticky formulation, which makes it quite long-wearing. It's impressive because it even leaves a faint tint on my lips after I wipe it off.

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VIVA GLAM CAMPAIGN

Pop icon Ricky Martin and hip-hop diva Nicki Minaj have teamed up with MAC Viva Glam campaign to promote HIV/AIDS awareness through MAC AIDS Fund's Viva Glam programme.

Both want young people everywhere to know the facts and to recognise that they can help end the HIV/AIDS epidemic by caring for those most impacted and be safe when making sexual choices.

As part of the global campaign, MAC Cosmetics introduces Viva Glam Nicki and Viva Glam Lip Conditioner. Nicki's lipstick comes in a scene-stealing pink shade. The yellow tint lipstick (RM68) comes in a satin finish. Ricky is represented by a colourless lip conditioner (RM60) that moisturises your lips and creates a soft base for lipsticks.



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