



Kate Moss on a St. Bart's beach in 2012. BELOW: Makeup artist Nichola Joss perfects Moss' faux tan on set.

IN HER OWN WORDS

KATE MOSS

The supercool supermodel shares her tanning misadventures and how she bronzes (safely) now

I LOVE THE LOOK of model Susie Bick's skin; that snow-white porcelain hue is just gorgeous. But even though I'm quite fair—a typical English complexion—my skin tone is completely different, and I think I look healthier with a tan. I enjoy having a bit of a glow. It suits me better.

When I was really young, I tried to get the bronzed look with the self-tanners from the '80s. The first time I experimented with one, I left my socks on and just did my legs. I ended up with orange legs from the ankle up and white feet. Nice. I was scared to try again for a while after that, and I imagine as my daughter, Lila, grows up, she'll end up having some of those beauty horror stories, too.

Another time, I was on holiday and trying to get my bum tanned, so I used an oil and laid out. Of course I burnt it! Afterward, I was having a conversation with a photographer, and he told me not to bother, as "it's all about the white bum." But I'll never consciously try to create tan lines.

These days, I use St. Tropez self-tanners. I started out with the classic mousse, but now I'm really into the new in-shower gradual tanner. I apply it in the shower and just leave it on while I'm combing my hair conditioner through, and then rinse off and towel-dry. It develops into that great sun-kissed golden glow with none of the waiting around for hours.

When my skin is darker, I like to wear white clothes and change up my makeup. Recently, on holiday in Ibiza, all I used was Charlotte Tilbury's Golden Goddess range. And when I'm heading out at night, I put on an oil for a lovely sheen. I think a tan makes your body look more defined. And you can get away with a late night—it covers up a multitude of sins. —As told to Jennifer Goldstein



ST. TROPEZ
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ST. TROPEZ
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"The new formula is so easy to use, and it has almond oil, which I love."