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Balmain recruits Kylie Jenner for cosmetics collaboration

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Kylie Jenner and Balmain creative director Olivier Rousteing. Image credit: Kylie Cosmetics

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French fashion label Balmain is enlisting makeup mogul Kylie Jenner for a special Paris Fashion Week collaboration.



Ms. Jenner will serve as the artistic director for makeup at Balmain's runway show on Sept. 27, followed by the launch of a KyliexBalmain capsule collection. Creative director Olivier Rousteing personally recruited Ms. Jenner for the effort, reports *Women's Wear Daily*.

Collaborating with Kylie

Ms. Jenner will be working closely with the models appearing in Balmain's show, before unveiling the limited makeup line at the luxury brand's Rue Saint-Honor boutique.

The KyliexBalmain collection includes a nine-pan eye shadow palette, matte lip kit and high-shine gloss and will only be available for sale on the Kylie Cosmetics Web site.

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Paris is always a good idea surprise.. KYLIE X BALMAIN @kyliecosmetics collection launching this Friday 9.27 on KylieCosmetics.com @olivier_rousteing @balmain #PFW #KYLIEXBALMAIN

A post shared by Kylie (@kyliejenner) on Sep 23, 2019 at 10:01pm PDT

Kylie Jenner teased the project to her 147 million Instagram followers

Ms. Jenner's Kylie Cosmetics, as well as skincare successor Kylie Skin, has found traction with a DTC strategy including limited product offerings, streetwear-style drops and social media marketing (see story).

This is not the first time Balmain has worked closely with members of the famous Kardashian-Jenner family.

In 2016, Balmain's fall/winter campaign film went viral thanks to the celebrity of collaborator Kanye West, husband of Kim Kardashian-West.

Released as a music video for the recording artist's song "Wolves," the video stars a cast that includes Ms. Kardashian-West and a bevy of top models. Following its premiere on the rapper's YouTube channel, the campaign has been viewed millions of times, giving the house a platform to reach an audience that extends past its own social followers (see story).

The following year, Mr. Rousteing recruited Ms. Jenner to promote Balmain's headphones collaboration with Beats by Dre (see story).

Mr. Rousteing and Balmain have also previously dabbled in the beauty space.

The 2017 Balmain x L'Oreal capsule collection included a dozen shades developed by Mr. Rousteing and the cosmetics maker's team. The 12 lipsticks were segmented into three color schemes (see story).

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