



PAT MCGRATH MBE: MAKE-UP ARTIST

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The queen of American fashion, Vogue's Anna Wintour, proclaimed her "the most influential makeup artist in the world."

**"I was struck by interpretation of colour, and her ideas about beauty and femininity."
Giorgio Armani**

For more than two decades, Pat McGrath MBE, has been concepting, launching and developing luxury cosmetic brands, countless runway shows, breakthrough advertising campaigns and editorial spreads.

Pat was born and raised in Northampton, England in a working-class household by her Jehovah's Witness single-mother, who was a dressmaker and became a big influence on Pat's eventual career in make-up, teaching and encouraging her to experiment with make-up and inspiring her love for fashion. Pat has no formal training in fashion or make-up, having completed only an art foundation course at Northampton College.

In the 1980s, Pat moved to London and became involved with designers such as Alexander McQueen and John Galiano.

With her incomparable mastery and iconoclastic vision, Pat has transformed the beauty industry. Name any trend of the past two decades, and you'll find her at its origin, from 1990s dewy skin to no-retouching-necessary foundation specifically designed for this decade's selfies. Pat received her MBE for services to the fashion and beauty industry.

It's undeniable: Pat McGrath is the most influential and sought-after makeup artist in the world.