



# Blogger of the week

## Irish Beauty Blog Awards

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### Makeup Monster

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### Why did you start Blogging?

Makeup Monster is my own little corner of the net to talk about beauty until I'm blue in the face. I have a huge focus on unbiased reviews and balancing a mix of both budget friendly and luxury buys. I started the blog 5 years ago although it feels like a lifetime ago as blogging has changed so much! I'm a journalism graduate and although I'd found some work that involved writing, I had struggled to find a channel for really writing my heart out and that's where blogging stepped in. I've never looked back!

### A Little Bit About Yourself

I'm 33, I've been with my amazing hubby since 19 and we have a magical little boy who's nearly 3. I've very happily chosen to be a stay at home mum but I view Makeup Monster as the best unpaid job you could ask for. My blog is a family affair as my hubby is basically my assistant and my mam helps trial all the makeup and skincare. My toddler just likes to play with my makeup brushes! Outside of blogging, movies and books are my thing. Give me the Lord of the Rings books and movies and I'm good to go!

### Your Best Beauty Tip

My best beauty tip is to really focus on your skin first before you slap on makeup and hope for the best (which I've been very guilty of in the past). My skin is a pain in the bum, it's dry and oily, has an uneven texture and some large pores but I'm finally realising if I start with the right skincare to look after it, my makeup looks 100 times better as a result. For me, gentle cleansers and a mix of serums with a big focus on hydration really work wonders.

### Your Top Tan Tip

My tips are pretty simple as I'm no foundation of knowledge when it comes to tanning. If you're tanning for real, lash on all the SPF and stick to high factors, if you're going the fake route, buff and moisturise your skin to create the smoothest, silkiest canvas you can for tan and always pay extra attention to the nooks and crannies!

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