

BIG SCREEN MODELS

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From Halle Berry to Kate Upton, take a look at the runway goddesses who made the transition from photo to film look flawless.

By Sean Reynolds

All actresses are gorgeous, but did you ever wonder why some shine a little brighter than others? Well, that's because these leading ladies started their careers on the runway before the bright lights of Hollywood came calling! Be sure to catch Cameron Diaz in "The Other Woman," hitting theaters on April 25.

Cameron Diaz

Although Cameron Diaz may now be known for her memorable movie roles, starring in "There's Something About Mary" and the "Charlie's Angels" series, this funny lady started out with Elite Model Management at age 16! She landed the cover of Seventeen and appeared in ads for Calvin Klein and Levi's, but quickly shot to national stardom with her acting debut in "The Mask." In her latest project, "The Other Woman," she plays a professional who discovers the man she's been dating is married. Let the revenge begin!

Kate Upton

At just 21, supermodel Kate Upton has graced the cover of Sports Illustrated twice -- but don't let that fool you, this girl can act too! A girl of many talents, Kate had small appearances in "Tower Heist" and "The Three Stooges." With her latest role in "The Other Woman," this blonde bombshell plays the 'other woman'...but when you look that good, who can blame her?

Charlize Theron

After winning a modeling competition in her hometown in South Africa, Charlize Theron spent a year traveling all over Europe to model. The undeniable beauty eventually landed in New York City to pursue a dance career that ended abruptly due to an injury. Luckily for us, Hollywood gained another shining star. Theron went on to win an Academy Award for her chilling performance in "Monster." You can also see her in the upcoming film, another Gillian Flynn adaptation, "Dark Places."

Halle Berry

In 2002, Halle Berry made history as the first African American woman to win the Academy Award for Best Actress. This gorgeous gal may be best known for her superb acting abilities, but before she graced the silver screen she was a model and a beauty queen! Currently, Halle is a spokes model for Revlon cosmetics

and can next be seen saving the world in the highly anticipated sequel, "X-Men: Days of Future Past."

Freida Pinto

This Indian beauty is best known for her role in the Oscar winning film "Slumdog Millionaire," where she won us all over with her immense charm (not to mention her undeniable beauty). Since then, she has appeared in a Woody Allen film and co-starred with James Franco in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes." However, her career really began back home where she first appeared in ads for Wrigley's chewing gum and DeBeers. Her next project is an upcoming biographical film titled "Desert Dancer."

Brooklyn Decker

Brooklyn Decker booked her first gig as a prom dress model after being discovered in a shopping mall as a teenager. From there, she went on to be featured in publications like Teen Vogue, Cosmopolitan and, most notably, on the cover of 2010's Sport's Illustrated Swimsuit Edition. With a flourishing modeling career in the bag, she's gone on to act in three major motion pictures - recently appearing alongside fellow model-turned-actress Cameron Diaz, in the star-studded film, "What To Expect When You're Expecting."

Milla Jovovich

Having started her modeling career at the age of 9, Milla Jovovich had a (long) leg up on her peers. Not only does Milla's modeling portfolio include the likes of Vogue and Harper's Bazaar, her acting career has been solidly established long before some of these women even gave acting a try (remember her in "Dazed and Confused")? Now she's a full-fledged action star, best known for playing Alice in the "Resident Evil" franchise.

Rebecca Romijn

This ageless beauty started her long career by modeling for Victoria's Secret and Sports Illustrated. However, her acting career kick-started when she played the sexy, shape-shifting mutant, Mystique, in the original "X-Men" series. She then went on to use her "best assets" as the lead in "Femme Fatale," starring opposite Antonio Banderas. Since then, Rebecca moved to the small screen where she can be seen in the popular TV series, "Ugly Betty."

Brooke Shields

Brooke made her modeling debut younger than any of the others on this list by appearing in an Ivory Soap ad at the tender age of just 11 months! It wasn't long until she was a teenage supermodel appearing in top fashion magazines. Though, it wasn't until she appeared in a controversial Calvin Klein jeans

commercial that Brooke became a household name. Since then, she has gone on to appear in many films and television shows -- perhaps most notably as the star of the popular 90's sitcom, "Suddenly Susan."

Elizabeth Hurley

British beauty Elizabeth Hurley began her modeling career with Estee Lauder, and was already an established model when she ventured across the pond to America in the '90s. She made a lasting impression in her breakout role as Vanessa Kensington in "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" and has since gone on to become a successful film and television actress, last seen on the hit TV series, "Gossip Girl."