

Full Benefits

Now's the time to upgrade your coverage with a silky foundation that doubles as a skin treatment, smooth on a moisturizer with one extra-powerful ingredient, and wear a lip color that won't wind up on your mask. (We promise—we tested 20!)

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Undercover Agents

It's the ultimate makeup coup: Appear as if you're wearing none while looking radiant. The secret? A serum foundation, which sinks into skin without detection (rather than just sitting on the surface) and conceals discoloration. "Similar to tinted moisturizers, these liquids even out tone, but they offer the benefits of a serum," says Knoxville, Tennessee, makeup artist Claire Balest. Tap into ingredients like line-softening niacinamide in **Ilia Super Serum skin tint SPF 40** (shown; in 18 shades, \$46, ilia.beauty.com), or soothing chia-seed extract in **Estée Lauder Futurist Hydra Rescue SPF 45 moisturizing makeup** (in 20 shades, \$45, esteelauder.com). For a tall drink of moisture, try **Kevyn Aucoin Stripped Nude skin tint** (in 10 shades, \$42, kevynaucoinbeauty.com) or **Exa High Fidelity foundation** (in 43 shades, \$38, credobeaauty.com); both contain antioxidants. To apply, use a densely packed foundation brush, says Los Angeles makeup artist Amber Amos: "Build it up gradually, focusing on areas that need a little extra oomph."



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Sodium Hyaluronate

Hyaluronic acid may be the gold standard of hydration, but this version of the molecule is proving to be even shinier. Thanks to its smaller size, it penetrates deeper than its bigger sibling; it then attracts water from both the environment and the lower layers of your skin, explains NYC dermatologist Nikhil Dhingra. That dual action helps plump up skin and smooth wrinkles effectively, too. Find it in **Neutrogena Hydro Boost Night pressed serum** (shown; \$23, neutrogena.com) or **ZO Skin Health Growth Factor eye serum** (\$130, zoskinhealth.com), and dial up the dew.



RAVE REVIEW

LASTING JOY



When restaurants in my area reopened (albeit outdoors), I was more fired up to sport a bold lip again than to dig into my favorite burrata. After testing a tumble of tubes, I've found two buttery formulas that impart rich color without marking up my mask. For subtle shine, I like highly pigmented Armani Ecstasy Mirror lip gloss (shown; \$37, giorgioarmanibeauty-usa.com); and for a punchy, matte look, my go-to is Revlon ColorStay Satin Ink liquid lipstick (\$11, revlon.com). Blot either with a tissue, and your smile's here to stay. —Claire Sullivan