

A LIGHTER TOUCH
“When it comes to applying these products, we have 10 amazing tools built right in,” says Los Angeles makeup artist Molly R. Stern. She suggests smoothing foundation on with your middle finger, and using your ring finger for under-eye concealer and eye shadow. For cheek color, tap formulas onto your skin with your pointer and middle fingers.

Sheer Genius

You don't need a face full of makeup to look your best. These featherweight balms and gels work like watercolors, melting into skin and enhancing your features with fresh shades and nourishing ingredients. Simply finger-paint them into place, and let your natural radiance shine through.

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Healthy Cheeks

“Don't be afraid to go for a punchier color,” says Stern; the translucent texture will soften it. Choose a shade that matches your undertones: Lean into pinks if you're cool; go coral if you're warm. For more dewiness, swirl blush with a dot of moisturizer on the back of your hand, then dab it on.

1. Glossier Cloud Paint, in Storm, \$18, [glossier.com](https://www.glossier.com). **2. Merit Beauty Flush balm**, in Raspberry Beret, \$28, [meritbeauty.com](https://www.meritbeauty.com). **3. Maybelline New York Cheek Heat gel-cream blush**, in Fuchsia Spark, \$8, [maybelline.com](https://www.maybelline.com).

Beautiful Bronzes

Powders can sit on your skin; these options seep in and simulate a kiss of sun—and give deeper complexions golden warmth. For the most natural look, begin with a few dots on the perimeter of your face, and blend inward over your forehead and cheekbones.

4. Chantecaille Radiance gel Bronzer, \$44, [chantecaille.com](https://www.chantecaille.com). **5. Burt's Bees All Aglow bronzer & highlighter stick**, in Golden Shimmer, \$13, [burtsbees.com](https://www.burtsbees.com).

Chic Lips

These sticks are no-brainers—just slide them on for a barely-there tint (plus balm-caliber ingredients like shea butter). Consider matching the shade to your blush: “There's something beautiful about the cohesiveness of wearing similar tones on your lips and cheeks,” says Stern.

6. Nars Afterglow lip balm, in Torrid, \$28, [narscosmetics.com](https://www.narscosmetics.com). **7. Dior Rouge Dior Satin lip balm**, in Classic, \$40, [dior.com](https://www.dior.com). **8. L'Oréal Paris Glow Paradise balm-in-lipstick**, in Beige Eden, \$10, [lorealparisusa.com](https://www.lorealparisusa.com).

