



spring '08:
Mad For Minerals

It seems like beauty has gone mineral, but did you know this makeup trend has been around for about 30 years? Even without the 'mineral' classifications, the main ingredients such as mica, zinc oxide and titanium dioxide have been in your favorite cosmetics for even longer than three decades. The difference with 'mineral makeup' is it doesn't have the added fragrances, oils and binders of the others, therefore making it usually a sure fit for sensitive skin.

I've always shied away from these powders because I felt they looked thick on my skin and pointed out every pore on my face. Now that it has become so popular, we have a bounty of savvy lines to test out. Here are just a few of our picks. We will keep you up to date as we test out more. By beauty editor Mickey Williams

[L'Oreal Paris Bare Naturale Gentle Mineral Blush](#)



Mickey says: "Despite the odd container, this is one sheer-naturally there blush that benefits skin with L'Oreal's superior minerals. With a single sweep it glides on smooth and the non-occlusive formula will not clog pores. It's my new blush of choice. My favorite shade is pinched pink, but there are five natural-looking shades for your cheeks."

\$15.25 at drugstore.com

[N.Y.C Smooth Mineral Loose Foundation Powder with SPF 12](#)



Mickey says: "A super lightweight mineral foundation powder with SPF 12. The colors are nice for both cool and warm skin tones but the very dark are left out in the range. The thin minerals create a matte finish which sets it apart from most of its competitors. My only complaint is the quality of the mini kabuki brush that comes with the powder, but this issue is easily fixed."

Evens and brightens skin tone for a naturally healthy complexion, with light-reflecting mica to minimize the look of fine lines. Gentle to skin - no talc, oil or fragrance, and irritant-free. SPF 12 helps shield delicate skin from damaging UV rays. Fluffy Kabuki Brush provides smooth application.

\$6.99 at newyorkcolor.com

[Bye-Bye Blemish Healing Minerals](#)



Mickey says: "Bye Bye Blemish's Healing Minerals won oodles of praise from our models because of the ultra easy to use applicator. Can Bye Bye's Kaolin-base pimple reducer clear blemishes faster than other mineral lines? It was tough for our models to grasp and answer, but the ingredients and convenience are definitely in the healing minerals."

Heal and conceal red, irritated or oily areas with Bye-Bye Blemish Healing Minerals. Natural mineral ingredients absorb excess oil while soothing aloe calms skin. Advanced formula helps protect against acne-causing bacteria.

\$9.99 at folica.com



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