



Try Bourjois Healthy Mix Concealer, \$24, Bobbi Brown Creamy Concealer, \$45, Physicians Formula Concealer Twins (3), \$19.95, or BeautyPRO Concealer Brush, \$15.95.

**EXPERT TIP:** Worried about dark circles? Use a slightly yellow-based concealer to counteract the purple tones.

## New generation powder

"Think of powder as a setting agent, not unlike hairspray for your hair," suggests Tavares. Powder will make the skin appear matte, which can help hide imperfections. Dusting agrees: "Powder really is the key to long-lasting foundation." Compacts are great for on the go and can leave a flawless finish. A sheer-finish pressed powder lightly brushed down the T-zone and forehead will combat oiliness. However, go easy with powder as it can make pores look enlarged. But used lightly pressed into the nose, it can even out the skin's appearance and also help keep shine at bay. Try Almay TLC Truly Lasting Color Pressed Powder (4), \$25, or Ere Perez Natural Calendula Tinted Face Dust, \$39.90.

**EXPERT TIP:** On more mature skins, remember to keep foundation, concealer and powder light in areas that are more creased, as heavy application will accentuate lines.

Powder is one of the easiest ways to hide pigmentation and marks. "Use a pressed mineral powder as a bronzer last, as it evens out the rest of the skin really well," says Dusting. "I love Jan Iredale Mineral Pressed Powder (14), \$83, in Autumn or Warm Sienna as the colour is fantastic for blending and it has no sparkle or frosted pigments which only highlight the area you're trying to cover." Splurge on Dermacolour Camouflage Cream, \$62.

## Foundation types

### Matte

Best for overall coverage, matte formulations suit oily or combination skin types. Try Revlon Colorstay Velvet Crème Matte Makeup (5), \$33.95, or Clinique Anti-Blemish Solutions Liquid Makeup (6), \$24.50.

### Sheer

Ideal for light coverage only where needed, it's best on normal skin types. Try Natio Natural Skin Foundation, \$17.95, or Physicians Formula Organic Wear 100% Natural Origin Tinted Moisturiser (7), \$24.95.

### Flawless

Provides total coverage that evens out skin tone and imperfections, suits normal and combination skin. Try Avon Perfect Wear Extralasting Liquid Foundation (8), \$29.99, or Estée Lauder Double Wear Stay-In-Place Makeup SPF 10 (9), \$68.

### Moisturising

Gives a glow great for dry or aged skin. Try Max Factor Age Renew Foundation (10), \$36.50, or Maybelline New York Instant Age Rewind (11), \$23.50.

### Sensitive

If you have easily inflamed red skin, choose foundations that are hypoallergenic and mineral based such as Covergirl TRUblend Liquid Makeup (12), \$19.95, or Bloom Pure Mineral Powder Foundation (13), \$35.

