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Base

For us, it's about coverage and shades that match. These selections scored big on both



COVER UP

BEST HEAVY DUTY CONCEALER Dermablend Smooth Indulgence Concealer SPF 20 (\$21, dermablend.com). This lightweight creamier version can mask those raccoon eyes for up to 12 hours!
BEST DAILY CONCEALER CoverGirl Queen Collection concealer (\$6, drugstores). We can always count on the Queen for shades. We're happy Latifah added concealer to the mix.

POWDER

BEST LOOSE B|Jack Up Loose Powder (\$35, bjackupcosmetics.com). It set our makeup, but we're more enchanted by how flawless our skin looked.
BEST PRESSED Hissyfit Clockpot by Reggie Wells (\$65, hissyfit.com). With its foundation, powder and highlighter all in one, it's like having a makeup artist in your handbag.

FOUNDATION

BEST SHADE EXPANSION Laura Mercier Tinted Moisturizers SPF 20 (\$42, neimanmarcus.com). With the expanded color range, we can finally get



PRO TAKE
Hissyfit Clockpot uses yellow and red to match our skin tones, says makeup artist Oslyn Holder.

in on this best-selling tinted moisturizer, **BEST MINERAL** [man Cosmetics] Luxury Radiance Liquid Makeup (\$16, select Walmart stores). With the new mix of minerals, botanicals and vitamins, she's boosting our skin health too.

SPECIAL FORCES

These wonder picks give a flawless finish

BEST SHINE ZAPPER Mehron Touch-Up Matte Anti-Shine Gel Treatment (\$9, mehron.com). Got oily skin? It banishes shine.

BEST WATERPROOF COVERAGE SYSTEM Microskin (\$300 and up, microskincosmetics.com). This custom-formulated liquid seamlessly evened out skin tone variations—from spider veins to vitiligo—we were sold. Plus, the results last for days. >