

# URBAN

YOUR GUIDE TO LOOKING GOOD

## IT LIST

## BEAUTY



**Shu Uemura Stage Performer Instant-glow Immediate Radiance Skin Perfecting Cream (50ml)**  
\$88

**KT:** This cream creates a silky smooth texture so that foundation – both powder and liquid – glides on smoothly and evenly.

My make-up stayed put for a longer time without requiring touch-ups and my complexion appeared almost flawless.

**LY:** My favourite of the lot, its creamy texture goes on smoothly to give a beautiful natural glow.

It has a matte finish but feels comfortably moist during application.



**Benefit The Pore-fessional (22ml)**  
\$54

**KT:** On days when I don't feel like layering on too many products, I would use this primer to cover up just the problem areas such as my nose and cheeks, where I have enlarged pores.

While it does not make pores disappear (nothing I've tried so far does), it does help to reduce their appearance by creating a soft-focus effect.

**LY:** The product is best applied to the oilier areas of the face as the silica in the formulation absorbs facial oil very well. It is also slightly tinted to even out skin colour.



**Skin Inc 24K Gold Skin Primer (30ml)**  
\$158, from The Skincare Clinic

**KT:** The gold flakes in this primer, which are said to be rich in antioxidants and give a firming effect, certainly add a luxe touch to my make-up regimen.

I like its matte finish and use it on days when I need to spend most of my time outdoors to keep my combination skin shine-free.

**LY:** This product works best on normal to oily skin types as it gives a beautiful matte texture to the skin. Pores also appear smaller after applying foundation.



**bareMinerals Oil Control Foundation Primer (30ml)**  
\$47, from Sephora

**KT:** This primer is surprisingly smooth even though it does not contain silicone, a common ingredient that gives skincare products a smooth texture.

I recommend using this before mineral powder foundations for greater lasting power.

**LY:** This silicone-free base, which suits those with sensitive skin, has a moist finishing that works better with powder-based foundations rather than liquid foundations.

## PRIME PRODUCTS

Keep your foundation looking fresh through the day with these eight primers that Urban has put to the test



**Stila One Step Correct (30ml)**  
Price unavailable, launching end of this month, from Escentials

**KT:** I like this primer with three helix swirls of colour-correcting brighteners – green, lavender and peach – for its innovative packaging.

Though it may seem overwhelming, it is nearly invisible when applied and brightens my skin while taming down the redness.

**LY:** The three colours neutralise each other upon application so your skin will not look oddly coloured. As this primer stays moist after application, it works best on dry skin.



**Maquillage Sherbert Base (65g)**  
\$62

**KT:** This foamy make-up base is a wonderful way to perk up your skin in the morning.

Its light mousse texture spreads and settles quickly on the skin to leave a smooth complexion for easy application of foundation.

**LY:** The lightweight mousse glides on fantastically well and sets quickly to a sheer moist finish. Best on dry to normal skin.



**M.A.C Prep+Prime Skin Base Visage (30ml)**  
\$39

**KT:** I especially like how this colourless primer helps to keep the excess oil on my T-zone in check through the course of the day.

It also has a subtle shimmer that gives skin a healthy glow.

**LY:** This primer contains an excellent amount of antioxidants that calm and protect the skin. It is best applied on the oilier areas with bigger pores to reduce their appearance. Works best with liquid foundations.



**Paul & Joe Moisturizing Foundation Primer N (30ml)**  
\$53

**KT:** This primer is hydrating enough for me to skip my moisturiser. Its peach-pink tint is lovely for brightening my complexion and, on my good days, I could probably even skip my foundation.

It will be relaunched in a pump bottle next month, which I prefer for hygiene reasons.

**LY:** The smooth primer glides on easily and gives skin a lush glow. It works well with liquid foundation.

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