



Concealer is often every girl's favourite makeup essential and it's pretty obvious as to why. Covering up blemishes, or hiding the shadows from last night's telltale big night out, we put our concealers to work, and hard.

Choosing the right concealer can help mask dark circles, assist in correcting skin tone, help you cover a pimple or two and brighten up the skin.

Most makeup artists will recommend you apply concealer after foundation and build it up until you achieve the level of coverage you need. Concealer is often a bit of trial and error too, based on your skin colour, type and also what time of the month it is. So we recommend having two or three on hand, each providing different depths of coverage, texture and colour, to highlight or to hide.

Some quick tips on which concealers to look for:

Tired or dark circles:

You can try a light-reflecting formula to illuminate tired eyes – gently blend under the eyes and into the sides of the bridge of the nose. Having a yellow-toned concealer handy will usually help cover shadows quite well.

Blemishes, scars or uneven skin tone:

Thicker formulas that contain more of a matt finish provide better coverage for your spots, scars or red patches – these should be as close to your foundation colour as possible to blend in nice and evenly. Green-toned concealers are also good for uneven skin tone – the green colouring helps to neutralise redness. Just make sure you blend well or invest in a good blending brush for better results.

Fine lines:

If you have fine lines, the lighter textured concealers are better – avoid matt or powder finish concealers as these will build up in the lines rather than reflect light away. Choose a concealer that glides nicely onto your hand initially, and one that contains elastin and collagen to minimise the appearance of wrinkles.

#Our Top 3 Picks:

We can recommend **Natural Compatibles' Perfect Touch Concealer**. It is fast drying with a gentle sponge tip, which provides easy application and contains minerals such as titanium dioxide that acts as a natural sunscreen. They are available in five shades. www.naturalcompatibles.com.au

