

Summer Beauty Guide

Summerize your beauty routine—and your look! We'll show you how to protect your skin, sweat-proof your makeup, and feel fabulous in your tresses.

✦ Flawless Makeup

Streamline! "Mix in a few drops of liquid bronzer to warm up your foundation and minimize your routine," says Nick Barose, celebrity makeup artist for Clarins.

Get staying power. To prevent midday eye-shadow and blush meltdowns, use gels, stains, or cream-to-powder formulas. "They'll stay put even if your skin turns into an oil slick," says Mary Schook, owner of Beauty by Mary Schook salon in New York City.

Stamp out shine. "Nothing refreshes your complexion faster than blotting sheets," says makeup artist Alison Raffaele (try Clean & Clear Morning Burst Oil Absorbing Sheets, \$4.99, drugstores).

✦ Pretty Hair

Retire your dryer. "Get a haircut that works with your natural texture and you'll never have to blow-dry it," says Nunzio Saviano, a stylist at the Oscar Blandi Salon in New York City. Give curls lots of layers, since blow-drying can stir up frizz; give a straight style fringed ends.

Condition like crazy. Slick on a leave-in cream instead of a gel before pulling hair back into a low bun -- you'll nourish and protect strands all day, says Edward Tricomi, cofounder of the Warren-Tricomi salons in New York City and Los Angeles.

✦ Envable Skin

Simplify for summer. Swap your basic cleanser for one that does double-duty. Products that contain exfoliating salicylic acid can unclog pores and help decrease oil production, says Macrene Alexiades-Armenakas, consulting dermatologist for L'Oreal Paris.

Switch up your moisturizer. The best ones deliver a tint, sunscreen, antioxidants, and skin-calming ingredients, such as aloe, all in one tube, says Jeannette Graf, MD, an assistant professor of dermatology at NYU Medical Center in New York City.



5 Look-Healthy Essentials



Clarins Instant Light Complexion Perfector, \$28, clarins.com. Delivers radiant skin at lightning speeds.

Fekkai Wash & Wear, \$20, neimanmarcus.com. This featherweight spray dry-cleans strands, lifting away gunk and sopping up oil with grapefruit extract.



Revlon Instant Nail Gloss, \$7.99, drugstores. With a conditioning blend of oils and antioxidants like vitamin E, this portable pen makes nails look instantly polished.

Meet Mark Just Pinched Instant Blush Tint, \$6, meetmark.com. Sheer gels that make your cheeks flush faster than an embarrassing moment.



Too Faced Tanning Bed In A Tube, \$22.50, sephora.com. It may be a gradual self-tanner, but it offers immediate gratification, thanks to a built-in bronzer and skin-softening oils.

Fashion Forward Bangkok

The city that has always been perceived as Asia's exotic resort destination has now proclaimed status as an economic hub with booming business, as well as Asia's Milan. With a growing fashion industry and demand for local-to-Bangkok trends, Bangkok's style profile is on the rise.

Young Thais have emerged as a hip, fashion conscious generation willing to spend on high fashion shoes and clothes. To cater to this lifestyle demand, The Emporium launched nearly ten years ago as the city's premier shopping center. With high end boutiques and classy eateries, this venue soon became the hot spot for the generation. More recently, the mall made a bigger splash into the lifestyle scene and introduced Siam Paragon to the growing market. This newest venture is now Southeast Asia's largest shopping center. Here, swarms of shoppers fill the bright, multilevel shopping complex, complete with an oceanarium, gourmet food court and movie theatre. Fashionistas and stylemakers

are treated to floor after floor of big name brands and classy labels, complete with Gucci, Prada, and Lamborghini.

With the fashion scene on the rise, local designers are making their wave. Many who have studied in the West are now bringing their passion for fashion back into Bangkok, opening pret-a-porter shops, and classy boutiques, mainly in the ritzy areas of Siam and the Siam Paragon. The unique mélange of Western design techniques and Asian styles make the emerging fashion lines an interesting icon defining the city's fashion scene-attracting shoppers and visitors from all over the world into the fashion forward city of Bangkok.



Bangkok



Designer Brands Galore



Siam Paragon Mall



Bangkok Fashion Week



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Flynow began in 1983 as a small women's line. More recently, it has become one of the country's biggest fashion brands, with nine shops in Thailand, and distribution in London. The company's latest venture is a young, Morocco inspired line featuring jeans, dresses and patchwork handbags.

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This Palm Beach inspired line carries both men and women apparel in pastels and cowboy chic. The design team, Saksit and Phisit, both have backgrounds in music and theatre and have proven success in their love for the arts of fashion.

The label has long been a pioneer at the Siam Center and now expanding their distribution to the international clientele.



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