

# BEAUTY

**Y**ou've gotta love beauty: just when you finally understand BBs and CCs, along come blurring creams. Some call themselves primers, some don't, but collectively they're a temporary cosmetic way to boost your complexion, making pigmentation, fine lines, open pores and blotches less obvious. 'Blurring products affect the way light is reflected off skin,' says Dia Foley, cosmetic innovator at Indeed Laboratories. 'Light becomes diffused and scattered, creating a smoothing effect while helping to minimise pores, soften lines and diminish unevenness.' The blurring quality actually comes from silicone elastomers in the form of a very fine film that sits on the skin, bouncing back light and filling in the dips.

Foundation-phobes will like them for improving the look of skin without the need to cover up, or they'll make your base stick around longer. Whatever your approach, once you try one, it's guaranteed to become a make-up must-have.



## SKIN SCIENCE

# Blemish ERASERS

They promise an Instagram-like glow, but do blurring creams deliver? Jess Lacey reports



**1 Benefit The Porefessional, £24.50**

Quick to blend in, and the soft-focus pigment effectively fades out pores. I used it for a 4pm touch-up over the day's lagging make-up.

**2 Dior Pore Minimizer Skin Refining Matte Primer, £28.50**

This hi-tech formula made my early morning skin pleasantly manageable and I needed half the usual amount of foundation.

**3 Lancôme Visionnaire Blur Instant Skin Perfector, £40**

The clear gel smoothed out my fine lines, creating an even canvas for make-up without any powdery residue. A good option for mature skin.

**4 Garnier Skin Naturals 5 Sec Perfect Blur, £12.99**

Super-effective at blurring out imperfections, and not only is the chalky consistency good for oily skin, but it also filled in smile lines a treat.

**5 Indeed Laboratories Nanoblur, £19.99**

I applied this on a make-up-free day and it made my skin look so much better. Instantly pepping and wonderfully plumping.

**6 Maybelline New York Baby Skin Instant Pore Eraser, £7.99**

A swift patting in and boy does this transparent jelly lessen fine lines and crow's feet! Miles more effective than cakey concealer.

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