

Te chase that summer glow all year long - you know, the kind that feels like you've just returned from a sunny break in the Caribbean or walked the red carpet like J.Lo. Warm, radiant and sun-kissed, its ephemeral nature is what makes it so very special. Here, we break down the best ways to get the bronze look without booking a plane ticket or baking in the sun.

Peel Project

"When you talk about glowing skin, a lot of people think about bronzing powder, but it really starts with having good skin that can glow," says Maxime Poulin, international makeup artist for Guerlain. He recommends incorporating a gentle peel into your skin-care routine. A chemical peel, usually made of alpha-hydroxy acids (AHAs) and beta-hydroxy acids, will slough off dead skin cells. "It will also allow the skin care you apply after to penetrate better."

Unlike the in-office variety administered by pros, most at-home peels are gentle. If you're a peel newbie, Maxime recommends looking for alpha-hydroxy acids like glycolic acid and lactic acid, which won't irritate your skin. Each acid has a different function, so

choose one that works best for your skin's needs. Glycolic, for example, is considered the best AHA for anti-aging because it penetrates deeper into the skin, thanks to its small molecule size. Lactic acid, on the other hand, will balance your pH, especially if you're on the sensitive side. The result is a quick and easy glow-up sans makeup.



Philosophy the Microdelivery Dream Peel, \$68, sephora.ca and shoppersdrugmart.ca





Goopglow 5% Glycolic Acid Overnight Glow Peel Light, \$175

LaSpa Intensive Anti-Aging Glycolic Peel (10%) Overnight Treatment Kit, \$130, laspanaturals.com

Westman Atelie Super Loaded Tinted Highlight, \$98, **RMS Beauty** Master Mixer, \$48, thebay.com HB Face Baked Highlighter, \$40, hbface.com

Clinique Powder Pop

Flower Highlighter,

\$43, sephora.ca



On the Bright Side

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When it comes to boosting radiance, vitamin C is a skin-care superstar. Not only is it a potent antioxidant that protects skin against free-radical damage, it also helps treat and prevent the signs of photoaging and brightens the complexion, says Dr. Katie Beleznay, a Vancouver-based dermatologist. L-ascorbic acid is the most commonly used form of vitamin C, though some brands have tapped into other ingredients that perform like vitamin C. Caudalie, for example, harnesses the skin-brightening properties of viniferine, which is derived from grapevine sap.

Highlight Reel

Light-reflecting highlighters have become a makeup mainstay for their ability to brighten and illuminate skin. Maxime recommends applying them on the high points of your face like the apples of the cheeks, down the bridge of the nose and on your cupid's bow. He even taps some onto lids so that it gives the illusion of bright, open eyes. Highlighter brings extra attention wherever you apply it so avoid areas you don't want to emphasize like your forehead or your chin. "Remember that shadows recede and highlights brings forward," he explains.

The quality of your highlighter is important, says Maxime. Avoid products with large glitter particles or tons of shimmer. "Choose one with fine diamond powder so it doesn't make you look older or amplify textures or pores." For a natural-looking glow, stick to shades like rose gold and warm pink, which will suit most skin tones. 🗓



Bronze Age

Despite what Instagram and YouTube tutorials will tell you, you don't need advanced makeup skills to master bronzer. Aside from sculpting and contouring, it can also be used to achieve a natural, healthy glow. "A bronzer should be your easy-to-use friend," says Maxime. "Even if you don't want to wear foundation, you can just use primer and apply bronzer. That's enough for your skin. You don't need a six-step face routine."

Start by choosing the right bronzer colour (Maxime recommends testing with your fingers to see if it blends seamlessly into the skin). Then, use a fluffy bronzer or blush brush. Powder brushes can be too big and soft for precise application, explains Maxime. Sweep it in the shape of the number 3 from the temple to the cheekbones and jawline. "It gives you a bit of structure and warms up your complexion." A bronzer is also versatile – use it on your cheeks and lids to effortlessly define your features.

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Guerlain Terracotta

Nude Glow Powder.

\$70, sephora.ca

Fenty Beauty by

Rihanna Cheeks

Charlotte Tilbury Airbrush Bronzer, \$65 charlottetilbury.com

