

Beauty Tips: 5 Beauty Products You Don't Need To Splurge On



If you're a beauty fanatic, you're probably familiar with the thrill that comes with purchasing that new product you've been eyeing. Buying a shiny new beauty product can make you feel like you're taking steps to become a better version of yourself, but that feeling quickly fades when you see the damage that new eyeliner, mascara or lipstick has done to your wallet. You may not realize it, but there are probably a few products in your bathroom that you've been spending too much money on, and you can actually get the same results by using a cheaper version or even DIY-ing your own! Here are five beauty products you don't need to splurge on, and cheaper alternatives to look into instead!

Don't Splurge On These Beauty Products

Lip Balm

Lip balm is something you definitely don't need to be spending a ton of money on. Lip balm is essentially meant to moisturize your lips and keep them from getting chapped, so it doesn't really make sense to spend a fortune on something so basic. Drugstore brands like Burt's Bees and Smith's make great lip balms that are also good for your the health of your lips. Other

slightly more expensive, but still affordable lip balms, like Glossier's Balm Dotcom and C.O. Bigelow's lip balm are also great options for keeping your lips healthy and soft.

Toner

Toner is something that you can spend little to no money on at all! Toner is meant to be used after washing your face, as a way to remove excess dirt and shrink your pores. While many people make the mistake of purchasing expensive toners at department stores or beauty retailers like Ulta and Sephora, the same quality can be found at the drugstore! Witch hazel makes a great toner that won't break the bank, and brands like Dickinson's and Thayers make their own amazing versions for under \$10! Apple Cider Vinegar mixed with water can also be used as a toner in a pinch, and you most likely already have a jar of it in your kitchen!

Moisturizer

Moisturizing is one of the most important parts of skincare, but that doesn't mean it has to be expensive! With celebrities and social media influencers swearing by pricey facial lotions like La Mer and La Prairie, it can be easy to think that you need to shell out the big bucks to get a quality product. However, there are tons of great moisturizers out there for a fraction of what you would be paying for a luxury brand. Depending on your skin type and the climate you live in, you can find a quality moisturizer at the drugstore that won't hurt your wallet. For instance, if you live in a warmer city, like Miami or [Austin](#), you'll want to purchase a lightweight moisturizer from a brand like CeraVe or Cetaphil. During the cold winter months, check out your local drugstore for something a little thicker.

Lipstick

Lipstick is something that many people make the mistake of spending an exorbitant amount of money on. There are tons of great lipsticks available at the drugstore, so you can purchase a

few different colors for the price you'd be paying for one lipstick at a high-end store. Brands like NYX, Wet n Wild, and Maybelline have some of the best drugstore lipsticks in a variety of colors

and finishes, all for under \$10. With so many great drugstore options, there is no reason you should be spending a fortune on high-end lipsticks that essentially do the same thing!

Nail Polish

Nail polish is something that should never cost more than \$5-\$10, so if you find yourself spending more than that, it's time to reconsider where your money has been going. You can find quality nail polishes for even less than \$5 at most drugstores, and brands like Sally Hansen, Essie, and Wet 'n Wild make great ones in tons of different colors, so you can rock a fresh manicure on a budget. If you really want to pamper yourself, give yourself an at-home mani-pedi by picking up some inexpensive nail polish in a cute color, and exfoliate and moisturize your hands and feet before applying polish. Your nails will look so good, your friends will be asking you where you got them done!