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mask, especially with such a bad habit of piling it on

on the market. So break the

1 Select. Carefully choose your foundation, determining the color, test at the temples and on your jaw line. The color that matches your skin is the one that's best for you.

- For blotchy skin, full-coverage foundation works well. **Black Opal cosmetics** offer a full range of foundations.
- Try medium coverage to conceal the occasional hormonal blemish. (Note: full-coverage foundation can be made more sheer by applying with a damp sponge.)
- If your skin simply lacks luminosity, a tinted moisturizer with shimmer or a sheer coverage foundation should do the trick. Try Jergens' Natural Glow Face Daily Moisturizer.

2 Prep. Always start with a clean face. Then choose a cleanser that suits your skin type, i.e.: normal, oily, dry, or combination. Use a magnifying mirror to inspect your face for pesky imperfections such as flaky patches, whiteheads, etc. If necessary, exfoliate with your facial scrub of choice, then moisturize.

- For oily or combo skin, instead of using a moisturizer, opt for a mattifier such as Smashbox Anti-Shine (not pictured), which absorbs excess oil in the T-Zone.



Use a disposable sponge to apply full-coverage foundation. Begin at the center of the forehead, moving outward and outward in the T-Zone. Carefully apply along the jaw line for blotchy areas, then pat and blend outward. (Note: Be sure to trash your sponge after each use because sponges hold bacteria.)

• For dull skin, apply tinted moisturizer or sheer coverage (check out **Black Opal Flawless Match Light Cover Foundation**) with a foundation brush. (Note: Brushes absorb less of the liquid and offer a more flawless finish.) Make downward strokes for even coverage, and don't forget to do the same underneath the jaw line.

- Cover blemishes and pimples with medium- to full-coverage concealer (try **Black Opal Cover and Clear**). Dab spots with a small brush (Aveda's concealer brush is a great choice) and blend outwards. (Remember, you don't need to apply to the entire face if you're just trying to cover a blemish.)

4 Finish. Set with a loose powder such as **Black Radiance Perfect Tone**, which imparts a flawless, more natural finish. Make sure you carry a pressed powder compact such as L'Oreal True Match to touch up when needed.

