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GOLDEN GLOW

If you want your spring/summer make-up to get glowing reviews, you need our beauty editor Nadine Baggott's guide to the latest super-sheer products with the Midas touch

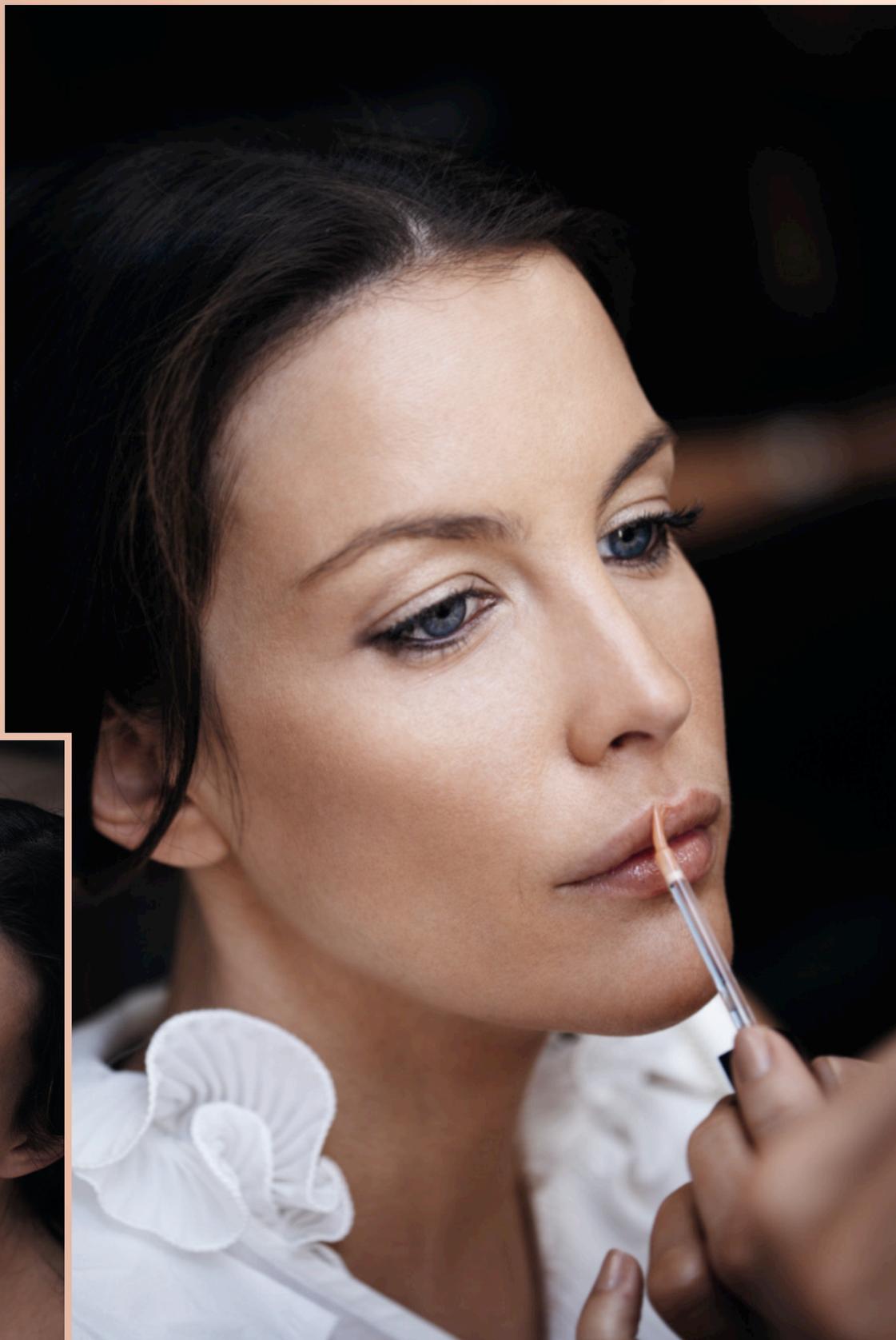
Liv Tyler knows it, and so does most of Hollywood. The bronze age is over; this summer is all about a natural, golden glow. Gone is the flat, matt brown bronzer of old, replaced by the prettiest transparent, soft-sheen gold make-up for skin, cheeks and lips.

"This look is totally new," explains Givenchy's Nicolas Degennes, the make-up artist responsible for Liv's glorious glow. "It's made possible by new formulations that are a mix between a fluid foundation and a pressed powder."

This modern gel-powder texture gives a soft sheen of colour that is easy to blend and should be applied, advises Nicolas, where the sun naturally hits your face. "That means on your cheekbones, up into your hairline, across your forehead, a little down your nose and just a dab on the chin – all blended very well. The secret is not to mimic a tan but to give a healthy radiance, a perfect glow, a luminosity to the skin."

Transforming pallid British complexions into this picture of perfection may seem like a tall order. But, according to Nicolas, all you need are three products: "A healthy-glow powder that has no shimmer but a sheer sheen, which you apply with a short, stubby brush, turning the gel into the lightest powder on your face; a pinky-cream blush to add a hint of flush on the apples of the cheeks; and, finally, a flourish of toning lip gloss."

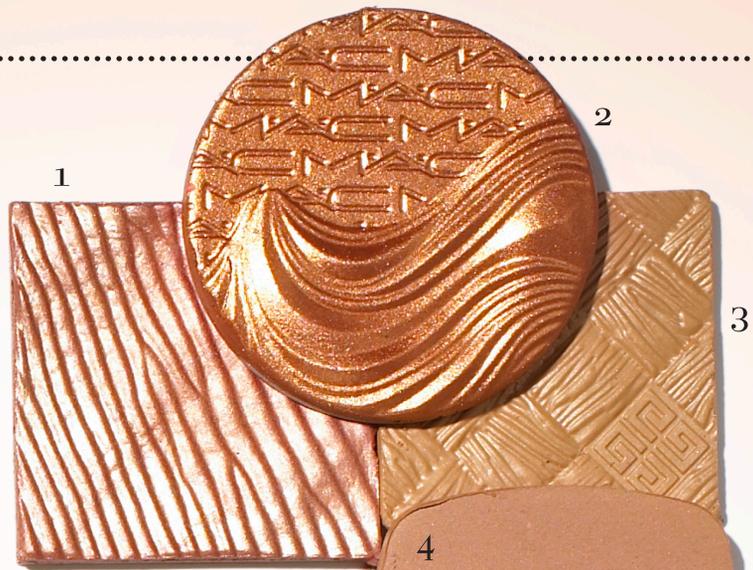
You can finish the look with a black kohl pencil and mascara, but follow Nicolas's three steps and you, too, will get Liv's just-back-from-a-weekend-away soft skin glow.



“Choose a talc-free formulation, without shimmer, which has a light, creamy texture and second-skin effect”

STEP 1: SHEER-SHEEN POWDER

- 1. Estée Lauder Illuminating Powder Gelée, £28
- 2. MAC Extra Dimension Skinfinish in Glorify, £21.50, is a limited-edition, luminous-glow powder
- 3. Givenchy Croisière Healthy Glow Powder, £32.50, in three shades. Exclusively from Harrods until May
- 4. bareMinerals READY Bronzer, £24, comes in three brand-new pressed shades – all of which are talc-free. From Selfridges



“Dab creamy blush on the apples of the cheeks to mimic a natural flush. Use your fingertips to apply it to lips and eyes, too. Truly modern, minimal make-up that looks good on the go”

STEP 2: ROSE CREAM BLUSH

- 5. Shu Uemura Creamy Dome Blusher in Pink, £20
- 6. Clinique Blushwear Cream Stick, £20, in a choice of four healthy-glow shades
- 7. YSL Crème de Blush in Powdery Rose, £29
- 8. MAC Cremeblend Blush in Posey, £17.50
- 9. Givenchy Ombre à Fleur de Peau in Pearly Rose N°1, £23, available from May
- 10. Guerlain Terracotta Blush Sun Shimmer Highlighter, £28, pink or coral, both with soft mother-of-pearl particles



“I know lipstick is dramatic and sexy, but in summer you want to dab on your gloss without looking in the mirror. Choose a moisturising lip balm that protects from the sun and has no shimmer – I like rose and soft, sheer browns.”

STEP 3: NUDE, GLOSSY LIPS

- 11. Clarins Instant Light Natural Lip Perfector in Apricot Shimmer, £16
- 12. Givenchy Gloss Balm in Pink Croisière and Natural Croisière, £19.50 each
- 13. Bobbi Brown Lip Gloss in Citrus, £17
- 14. Giorgio Armani Gloss d'Armani in 500 Pink, £23.50, from Selfridges
- 15. Pixi Tinted Brilliance Balm in Craving Coral, £12, visit pixibeauty.co.uk