

# Get the look

## Sali Hughes on concealer pens

**W**hen I rifle through my friends' make-up bags (usually before they have had time to cross the doormat), I invariably find a concealer pen. I can see the appeal: with built-in brushes dispensing the right dose at a click, they are convenient, fast and easy to use.

But the problem presents itself when I look at my friends' Facebook photos and see telltale florid skin set-off against chalky white rings around their eyes, as though they've just touched down after a fortnight on the Alps in skiing goggles. The reason is that most concealer pens (including the iconic Touche Eclat) are pinky-white. I loathe pink in this context. Skin looks ruddy and sickly - as though it's been embalmed. Regardless of your skin tone or ethnicity, you want a yellow base. It's maddeningly rare but altogether more flattering, in the way that yellow candlelight makes you immediately prettier.

The other problem is the name. These pens are rarely concealers, but highlighters. They won't cover blemishes, but will disguise under-eye circles and uneven skintone (I like to layer mine over a proper cover-up to add a little light). Dot under eyes and blend with your ring finger, after foundation and before powder, cleaning the brush every few weeks.



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**Clinique Airbrush Concealer**  
15, [clinique.co.uk](http://clinique.co.uk)  
The colours here are ideal - all golden-toned - and the formulation makes it extremely easy to blend.



**Touche Veloutée by Terry** £33, [spacenk.co.uk](http://spacenk.co.uk)  
Pricey, but twice the size of others. I keep it in my bag to wake me up after a long day. Temporarily plumpens lines as it lightens.

**Healthspan Nurture Illuminating Touch Concealer** £9.95, [healthspannurture.co.uk](http://healthspannurture.co.uk)  
A pleasant surprise from a brand I'd never heard of. A great price and cruelty-free.

**i-conceal Brush-on Fluid Concealer** £19, [newcidcosmetics.co.uk](http://newcidcosmetics.co.uk)  
A light formula ideal for oilier skins, with not a trace of nasty pinkness. A larger than standard tube.



**RMK Super Basic Liquid Concealer** £20, [asos.com](http://asos.com)  
A silky, medium-coverage concealer that comes in a great colour spectrum.

**Korres Wild Rose Concealer** £19, 0870 850 3868  
A lovely, dense yellowy cream that did the best job of covering as well as lightening. Covered a spot where the others failed.