

# Get the look

## Sali Hughes on six lipsticks that suit everyone

I feel sad that so many women tell me they can't wear lipstick, because it is truly the most joy you will ever extract from a single make-up item. Not only is it a lovely and satisfying object in itself (I still occasionally buy a nice lippy to bring cheer on a gloomy day, despite the fact I get sent hundreds), but lipstick also acts as an instant makeover.

A slash of colour will make skin look more alive, the wearer instantly polished and her outfit one notch further up the dress code scale. And, most pleasingly, it's grown up. Leave the jammy glosses to the teens - a woman has earned the face and confidence for lipstick. (I recently spotted an 80-year-old in red lipstick and she was so breathtakingly elegant I had to stop and tell her.) I say, buy one today and try it.

Still scared? Below, I've chosen six of what I call Fisher-Price Starter Lipsticks - colours that look fantastic on almost every woman, whatever her age, hair or skin colour. I use a nude lip liner first to prevent bleed, then apply lipstick straight from the stick - it's a good look and life's too short to be messing around with a brush. Blot with a tissue. Repeat. Feel ready for battle.

**Chantecaille Lip Chic** £27, [spacenk.co.uk](http://spacenk.co.uk) Lipstick for cowards, and I say that with love. Every shade is kind. Try Geranium or Tea Rose on pale skins, Dahlia if dark.



**Bobbi Brown Lip Color in Nude** (main picture), £18, [selfridges.com](http://selfridges.com) I'm often asked what lipstick I'm wearing. The answer is almost always this. Fabulous.

**Clinique Almost Lipstick in Black Honey** £16, [debenhams.com](http://debenhams.com) I have never seen any woman look less than great in this. Foolproof and super flattering on all skins and ages.

**Mac Lipstick in See Sheer** £13.50, [mac-cosmetics.co.uk](http://mac-cosmetics.co.uk) A semi-transparent grapefruit pink that looks equally pretty on pale and dark skins.



**Lancôme L'Absolu Nu in 205 Beige Charnel** £19.50, [lancome.co.uk](http://lancome.co.uk) If you are terrified of lipstick, this gorgeous nude is a soft place to fall.

**Elizabeth Arden Ceramide Ultra Lipstick in Rouge 01** £18, [houseoffraser.co.uk](http://houseoffraser.co.uk) If you want to take the plunge into red lipstick, this orange-based shade flatters most.



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