

CAN I HELP YOU?

Vegan bronzers, globe-trotting blow-dryers, and relief for sensitive shavers, all from beauty director Amy Keller.



From top: Giorgio Armani Sheer Bronzer in 6, \$42; Arbonne Luminous Colour Wand SPF 8 in 13w, \$24; and Stila Sheer Color SPF 15 Tinted Moisturizer in medium, \$28

Q I want a tinted moisturizer or bronzer, but I'm vegan, so it can't contain animal products. Help!

—Eileen, 28, Portland, ME

A I'm pleased to report that many beauty companies are animal-lovers. Stila Sheer Color SPF 15 Tinted Moisturizer, \$28 (in 10 shades; Sephora, 877-737-4672, or stilacosmetics.com), contains no animal products nor is it tested on the little guys. Vegan makeup artist Brian Duprey recommends Giorgio Armani Sheer Bronzer, \$42 (in three shades; Saks, 877-551-7257, or giorgioarmanibeauty.com). His own liquid bronzer, Duprey Skin Glow, \$28 (in two shades; dupreycosmetics.com), is nice and golden, too. Another star in the vegan beauty world: Arbonne International. Its silky Luminous Colour Wand SPF 8, \$24 (in 15 shades; 800-272-6663 or arbonne.com), is technically a foundation, but so sheer that it works like a tinted moisturizer (use one shade darker than your skin).

Q I need a top-notch multi-voltage hairdryer that I can use overseas. Any advice?

—Melanie, 42, Las Vegas, NV

A You can't do better than the T3 Tourmaline Overnight Ceramic Ionic Hair Dryer for Travel, \$130 (Sephora, 877-737-4672, or sephora.com). Foldable for easy suitcase-stashing, it has the same benefits as its larger counterpart (a favorite of runway hair-stylists) and, with



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110V and 220V settings, can be used in all countries. Far more effective than any hotel wall-dryer, its 1,200 watts of power blow out infrared heat and negative ions. Result: fast drying, no static.

Q I shave very carefully, but my armpit skin still gets dark, stubbly and ugly. What's the solution?

—Michelle, 23, Chicago, IL

A Since underarm skin is naturally sensitive, says dermatologist Fran Cook-Bolden, a spokeswoman for the Skin Pigmentation Knowledge Center, "any irritation [from shaving or waxing] can increase pigment production, leaving a 'dark shadow.'" Consider laser hair removal, which results in much sparser regrowth and can lighten hyperpigmented skin. Whether you shave, wax or laser, apply a light layer of a cream containing 2% of the bleaching agent hydroquinone to clean, dry armpits three nights a week. Abella Enliten Skin Bleaching Cream, \$52 (skinstore.com), and Peter Thomas Roth Ultra Gentle Skin Lightening Gel Complex, \$55 (Peter Thomas Roth, 800-787-7546, or sephora.com), are good touchy-skin options. But be patient: Results take several months. During the day, use a super-mild antiperspirant. Our pick: Derma Doctor Total Non Scents Ultra-Gentle Antiperspirant, \$20, a fragrance- and dye-free roll-on. If the hydroquinone is too irritating, just use Derma Doctor's other Total Non Scents formula, the Ultra-Gentle Brightening Antiperspirant, \$28 (both at 877-337-6237 or dermadoctor.com), infused with kojic dipalmitate, a natural skin brightener. But please consult your doctor first; there's a small chance you could have a condition called acanthosis nigricans (it causes dark, raised patches on the neck, upper back



Peter Thomas Roth Ultra Gentle Skin Lightening Gel Complex, \$55. Derma Doctor Total Non Scents Ultra-Gentle Antiperspirant, \$20.

and armpits), sometimes a symptom of endocrine or hormonal disorders like diabetes. ■

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