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11 Best Tinted Sunscreens That Protect and Perfect Skin

Skincare meets makeup with these formulations that shield against UVA and UVB rays, while providing a radiant, second-skin finish.

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Here's the thing about skincare: You can use all the [serums](#), [creams](#), and [beauty tools](#) in the world to combat aging, but nothing really cares for skin like a good [sunscreen](#). Not only does a broad-spectrum SPF protect against harsh UVA and UVB rays, but it also reduces the risk of skin cancer and prevents sunburn, wrinkles, and dark spots. While many formulas have gotten bad raps for their heavy, gloopy textures and undesirable white

casts, nowadays there are all kinds of [moisturizing tinted sunscreens](#) that pull double duty as complexion protectors and perfectors.

Because peak summer is here and SPF is top of mind for many of us, we tapped [Dr. Connie Yang](#), a fellow board-certified dermatologist at [PFRANKMD by Dr. Paul Jarrod Frank](#), for the best tinted sunscreens on the market, along with some of the T&C editors' favorite picks. Here, you'll find a formulation for every skin type or concern.



Best Overall

EltaMD UV Clear Tinted Face Sunscreen, SPF 40

[Dr. Yang](#) also likes the brand's [UV Daily Tinted Sunscreen](#) because it's "very hydrating and great for dry or more mature skin."



Best Color Options

Colorescience Sunforgettable Total Protection Face Shield Flex SPF 50

Dr. Yang is a fan of Colorescience's tinted sunscreen because "it adapts to match a wide range of skin tones." She continues, "It is a fully mineral sunscreen suitable for sensitive skin and gives a nice tint and light coverage for days when you want to skip the makeup."



Best for Aging Skin

Isdin Photo Eryfotona Ageless Sunscreen Zinc Oxide and 100% Mineral Tinted Sunscreen SPF 50+

For those with sun damage or mature skin, **Dr. Yang** recommends Isdin's sunscreen because "it's formulated with unique DNA repair enzymes and peptides for added anti-aging benefits."

What are key ingredients to look for in a tinted sunscreen?

According to **Dr. Yang**, the best tinted sunscreens should have the following ingredients:

- **Zinc Oxide and Titanium Dioxide:** These are mineral (or physical) sunscreens that provide broad-spectrum protection against UVA and UVB rays.
- **Iron Oxides:** These pigments provide the tint in tinted SPF's and help protect against blue light.
- **Antioxidants:** Ingredients like niacinamide, vitamin C, vitamin E, and green tea extract help protect the skin from environmental damage caused by free radicals.
- **Hyaluronic Acid:** A great hydrating ingredient that helps to retain moisture in the skin, keeping it plump and reducing the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles.

What SPF number is the best?

Dr. Yang says to look SPF 30 or higher for daily use and SPF 50 for days spent outdoors or at the beach.

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