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Does sunscreen go on before or after moisturizer?

-ANONYMOUS

Before. All sunscreens work optimally when applied directly to skin.

Although mineral-based ones, namely zinc oxide and titanium dioxide, work well when applied on top of other skin care (see question 2), save yourself the guesswork and start with sunscreen. Better yet, simplify: Use a daytime moisturizer with SPF 30 daily.

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I know I should reapply sunscreen at least every two hours, but what if I'm already wearing makeup?

-DENISE L., BUFFALO

Look for exclusively physical (a.k.a. mineral) sunscreens listed

on the ingredient label (see question 1). Like little white T-shirts for the skin, they can be worn over makeup, but they also tend to be pasty. Fortunately, certain brands have made them with a tint to mask any whiteness and help them blend into skin (or makeup).

TRY La Roche-Posay Anthelios 50 Tinted Mineral Ultra Light Sunscreen Fluid (\$33, drugstores; left) or EltaMD UV Physical Broad-Spectrum SPF 41 (\$29, eltamd.com/buy; far right).



I have oily skin. Do I need to moisturize?

-MARCIA I., HONOLULU

Nope-especially if you're very young.

If you're over 30 and you'd like to moisturize, use a retinol cream at night. It'll control your oil production without being greasy, plus you'll get an anti-aging kick: Retinol, a vitamin A derivative, helps skin churn out new collagen to smooth lines, and it's better tolerated by oily skin. Since it increases skin's sun sensitivity, don't forget daily sunscreen.



How do I keep my brown spots from becoming more prominent?

-SARA A., SPRINGFIELD, OH

Apply two layers of protection; spots are exquisitely sun-sensitive. Put on a chemical sunscreen, then a mineral one. Also, wear a hat with a four-inch-wide brim as well as UV-blocking sunglasses.

TRY Neutrogena Ultra Sheer Dry-Touch Sunscreen SPF 30 (\$11, drugstores; right) first, then layer on EltaMD (far right).



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