The Best Moisturizers With SPF, According to Dermatologists

Why buy two products when you only need one?

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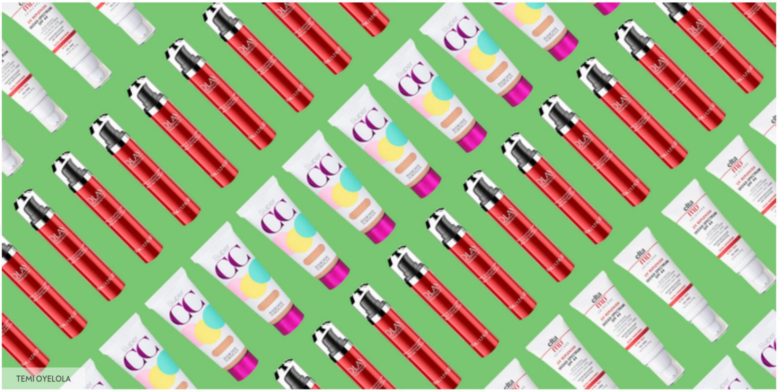

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You know you're supposed to wear sunscreen every day, but let's face it: That doesn't always happen when you're racing the clock. And no, sunglasses and summer hats are not enough. Enter moisturizers with SPF. Dermatologists say these multitasking products offer the best of both worlds—superior sun protection and hydration. Though these nourishing creams create a barrier between your skin and UVA and UVB rays, they're lightweight enough to layer under makeup and gentle enough for oily or sensitive skin. Here, doctors dish on the best moisturizers with SPF.

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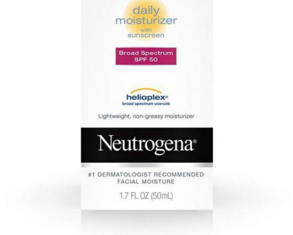
BEST DRUGSTORE BUY

HEALTHY DEFENSE

Healthy Defense Daily Moisturizer with Broad Spectrum SPF 50

Neutrogena


daily moisturizer with sunscreen
Broad Spectrum SPF 50
helioplex
broad spectrum uva-uvb
Lightweight, non-greasy moisturizer
Neutrogena
#1 DERMATOLOGIST RECOMMENDED FACIAL MOISTURE
1.7 FL OZ (50mL)

AMAZON

amazon.com
$14.43

SHOP NOW

For a lightweight lotion that won't weigh you down, but provides ample protection from the sun's rays, try this drugstore moisturizer. It contains naturally-sourced zinc oxide that absorbs quickly and dries to a clean smooth finish, says Dr. Tsippora Shainhouse, a board-certified dermatologist in Los Angeles. "It provides excellent sun protection, and is tolerated by even sensitive skin types."

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Physical Matte UV Defense, SPF 50

SkinCeuticals
amazon.com
$34.29

SHOP NOW

To minimize the appearance of pores, tighten skin, and smooth fine lines, try this mousse. It's a bit more expensive than your standard sunscreen, but a little bit goes a long way. This moisturizing sunscreen is buttery smooth and has a slight tint that matches natural skin tones, says Dr. Jerome Potozkin, a board certified dermatologist in California, who uses the moisturizer daily.

SKINCEUTICALS
PHYSICAL MATTE UV DEFENSE
SUNSCREEN
BROAD SPECTRUM SPF 50
UVA/UVB PROTECTION
OIL-ABSORBING BASE
WITH A MATTE FINISH
PROTECT
30 ml / 1 fl oz

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Regenerist Micro-Sculpting Cream With Sunscreen

Olay

amazon.com

$24.89

SHOP NOW

If you're looking for a strong base layer to wear under makeup everyday, this classic formula is a great choice, says Shainhouse. "It uses peptides to help rebuild collagen due to UV-induced damage, while preventing further damage with its oxybenzone-free sunscreen." Bonus: It has a nice sweet scent, too.

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BEST FOR DARK SKIN

Facial Sunscreen Broad-Spectrum SPF 30+

ELTA MD

amazon.com

$28.00

SHOP NOW

This facial moisturizer and sunscreen combo is a great choice for anyone with dry skin. "This extremely easy-to-layer sunscreen/facial moisturizer, is my absolute favorite," says Dr. Mona Gohara, a board-certified dermatologist in Connecticut. "It blends perfectly into my brown skin, leaving my complexion soft, and primed for makeup."

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Intellishade SPF 45 Original

Revision Skincare
amazon.com
$75.00

SHOP NOW

REVISION
SKINCARE
Intellishade®
Original
anti-aging
tinted moisturizer
with sunscreen
Broad-Spectrum
SPF 45
NET WT 1.7 OZ | 48 g

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A bit pricey, yes, but this tinted moisturizer is a great low-maintenance option for anyone with a mildly uneven skin tone who prefer to go makeup-free. "This universal tinted moisturizer with sunscreen contains antioxidants (green tea and vitamin E), humectants (aloe, glycerin, and squalane) and skin smoothers (dimethicone) to help combat skin damaging environmental assault due to UV rays, air pollution, and drying climates and forced indoor air," says Shainhouse.

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BEST SUN PROTECTION

Melt-In Sunscreen Milk SPF 60

La Roche-Posay
amazon.com
$35.99

SHOP NOW

FACE & BODY
60
SUNSCREEN
LA ROCHE-POSAY
LABORATOIRE DERMATOLOGIQUE
BROAD SPECTRUM
SPF60
ANTHELIOS 60
Avec de l'eau thermale de La Roche-Posay
MELT-IN SUNSCREEN MILK
Fast absorbing, velvety finish
For all skin types
with CELL-OX SHIELD XL™
Advanced UVA/UVB technology
+ Antioxidant protection
WATER RESISTANT (80 MINUTES)
Fragrance-free. Paraben-free
Tested on sensitive skin
5.0 FL OZ - 150 ml

Though technically classified as more of a sunscreen, this formula is deeply hydrating, silky smooth, and provides broad spectrum sunscreen for all skin types, says Potozkin. It's also water-resistant for 80 minutes, making it a great choice for summertime jaunts to the beach or pool.

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BEST VALUE

Aveeno Positively Radiant Daily Facial Moisturizer

Aveeno

amazon.com

$13.97

SHOP NOW

For a moisturizer/sunscreen combo that works overtime to provide additional benefits, this drugstore pick offers a great value. "This moisturizer contains a soy complex to help brighten and even the skin complexion, while offering broad-spectrum protection against UV light," says Dr. Joshua Zeichner, a board-certified dermatologist in New York City.

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BEST FOR UNEVEN SKIN TONE

Super CC+ Color-Correction + SPF 30

Physicians Formula

amazon.com

~~$14.95~~

$8.99 (40% off)

SHOP NOW

This all-in-one product provides even more

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coverage than a BB cream, making it a great choice for mature skin or skin that has dark spots, discoloration, or an uneven tone, says Dr. Caroline A. Chang, a board certified dermatologist. And when it comes to sun protection, "it provides good coverage without being heavy and has zinc/titanium-based sunscreen protection."

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NATURAL BB CREAM
spf 30
face
COOLA
mineral sunscreen
Unscented
matte tint
Broad Spectrum SPF 30
NATURAL BB CREAM

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BEST MINERAL SUNSCREEN

Mineral Suncare Unscented Matte Tint Face Sunscreen

Coola Suncare
amazon.com
$32.00

SHOP NOW

This mineral-based sunscreen is highly effective, despite the fact that it's formulated with safe, organic ingredients that are gentle on both skin and the environment, says Dr. Keira Barr, a board certified dermatologist. It's a great option to stock, since it's well tolerated by most skin types—plus, it smells great.

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SKINCARE
UV REPLENISH

UV Replenish Broad-Spectrum SPF 44

EltaMD
dermstore.com
$32.00

BROAD-SPECTRUM
SPF 44
MOISTURIZING
PHYSICAL SUNSCREEN
HYALURONIC ACID
TRANSPARENT ZINC OXIDE
WATER-RESISTANT
(40 MINUTES)
FACIAL SUNSCREEN
All Skin Types
OIL-FREE
net wt 2 oz / 57 g

DERMSTORE

SHOP NOW

"This is a great product for everyone who wants the best sun protection ingredients in a super hydrating daily use moisturizer," says Dr. Hal Weitzbuch, a board certified dermatologist. The formula doesn't contain any chemical sunscreens—just zinc and titanium blockers that offer premium protection from the sun's harsh rays. It also contains hyaluronic acid to hydrate parched skin without clogging pores.

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BEST FOR NORMAL SKIN

CeraVe
DEVELOPED WITH DERMATOLOGISTS
Sunscreen
BROAD SPECTRUM SPF 50
FACE LOTION SPF 50
InVisibleZinc
Lightweight and oil-free
Water resistant (40 minutes)
With ceramides and niacinamide
Net Wt. 2.0 OZ (56 g)

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Sunscreen Face Lotion SPF 50

CeraVe
amazon.com
$15.45

SHOP NOW

This is a great everyday option for normal skin types, says Chang. It's formulated with a special InvisibleZinc technology that provides the same superior protection of traditional zinc-based sunscreens, without the white streaks.

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BEST FOR DRY SKIN

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Suntegrity

Suntegrity
amazon.com
$45.00

SHOP NOW

If you have dry skin, try this hydrating formula. "It contains a mineral block with non-nano zinc oxide to provide broad spectrum UV protection, as well as antioxidants including green tea, red algae, and pomegranate extracts," says Dr. Sonia Batra, a board certified dermatologist. It's a great swipe-and-go option, since it's tinted (available in four shades), which helps to avoid the chalky look of other mineral sunscreens.

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