

BEAUTY

SECRETS OF PERFECT FOUNDATION

Master these three easy steps for a flawless finish

FIND YOUR SHADE

Test swatches on your jawline (hold the tube up to your face, if samples are unavailable), and select the one that's the closest match, says Maybelline New York U.S. Brand Ambassador Vincent Oquendo. If you want to brighten certain areas, such as under the eye, use a second, slightly lighter hue for those spots. **PREP THE SKIN** Oquendo applies a lightweight moisturizer (no heavy face oils or anything too emollient, as they can prevent foundation from setting), then blots any excess with a tissue. **APPLY LIKE A PRO** "I use my fingers to dot foundation on the face, then I blend everything with a fluffy blush brush," he says. Maybelline New York Dream Urban Cover (\$12.99), which comes in 16 shades, is "so buttery, it easily buffs into skin." The best part? The long-wear formula provides SPF 50 antioxidant pollution protection to help shield skin from environmental aggressors. ■

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