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The 10 best sunless tanners for a golden glow that lasts past summer — starting at \$9

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Many people prefer to have a sun-kissed glow, but getting a tan from the sun's rays isn't exactly great for your skin. Enter the best sunless tanners. These lotions, creams and sprays allow you to get a bronzed glow without damaging your skin, no matter your skin tone.

"Sunless tanners work by dyeing the epidermis, the outer layer of your skin," New York-based board-certified dermatologist [Dr. Gary Goldenberg](#), founder of Goldenberg Dermatology, tells Yahoo Life. Once your skin is dyed, it can take up to two weeks for the color to fade as the upper layer of the epidermis sloughs off, Goldenberg explains. (Factors like how often you exfoliate, the tanner's exact formula, and what other products you use can play a role in fading, too.)

When it comes to choosing a sunless tanner, Goldenberg suggests "looking for the shade and intensity that appeals to you." And, if you can, he recommends reaching for a tanner from "a reputable brand."

Ready to try out a sunless tanner? Whether you're looking for a subtle wash of color or a deep bronzing in just a few hours, here are the best of the best.

"I cannot recommend this product enough!" said a happy customer. "I've had a lot of bad experiences with self tanners in the past, and this product solved all of them! I use a regular rubber glove when I'm applying it with ZERO streaking. Sweating doesn't cause me any issues at all. I leave it on for the full three hours, then shower. I'm left with a real tan-looking color that isn't too dark for me, and it lasts so long!"

"I don't normally leave reviews but I wanted to tell everyone I LOVE THIS SELF TANNER!" said a happy customer. "It smells great. The tan looks natural and the glove makes it easy to apply without streaking. I even applied to my neck and face and it looks great!"

"This stuff is pure magic!" wrote a happy tanner. "My skin is just glowing! No orange-y ness, perfectly even, and the smell is absolutely fantastic. I was prepared for a slight classic self tanner smell due to some of the reviews on here, but I didn't get a hint of it at all!"

"The color is perfection; It looks so even and natural," wrote a fan. "It somehow spreads easy but dries very quickly, smells great, and doesn't feel sticky after. I honestly am never going to buy another product or go spray tanning again. I will be a lifelong customer of this company."

"I usually buy fancier brands but bought this because it was an add-on item. It was a great surprise!" said a happy customer. "It makes my skin super soft and hydrated with a hint of glow. No orange, and no mess."

"The shade of tan is incredibly natural. I mean, not even a hint of Cheeto-dust orange," said a five-star fan. "There is no staining. You will not smell like a bag of chips."

"This self tanner gave me the deepest, darkest color I have ever seen in my entire life from a self tan! EVER!" wrote a satisfied shopper.

"This serum is great!" said a bronzed user. "I used it for four days prior to a beach vacation in the middle of winter. I would call it a glow, not a tan. I prefer that to my face being fake tan."

"So easy to use! I love that it's a clean tanner with safe ingredients," said a satisfied shopper. "I love that it doesn't leave streaks, it's not orange and it doesn't smell so strong! The white foam just blended right in."

"I've had many compliments on my tan," said a five-star fan. "A lady at Kroger, when I told her it was a L'Oreal spray tan, said 'Wow, I just thought you were tan,' which is the best compliment you can give a product like this."

If you have Amazon Prime, you'll get free shipping, of course. Not yet a member? No problem. You can sign up for your free 30-day trial [here](#). (And by the way, those without Prime still get free shipping on orders of \$25 or more.)