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Be my Valentine



Valentine's Day is the most romantic day of the year, and hopefully you have someone to spoil. Whether it's a nice dinner out or movie night at home, make sure you have the right outfit to put you in the mood for romance.

The best place to start is your underwear. You can get beautiful lingerie in plus sizes that not only fits, but also flatters your curves. Australian online retailer Fantasy Lingerie (www.fantasylingerie.com.au) have a huge range of lingerie, shoes, costumes and accessories. Many of their styles go to 3XL or 4XL. Another site with a great selection is www.instylelingerie.com.au, while www.exquisiteunderwear.com.au also caters for sizes 6-28.

When it comes to your outfit, pick something that makes you feel good. You don't have to spend a fortune. Why not jazz up a dress you own with a pair of fishnets or suspender stockings? Or try a slick of sexy red lipstick and black liquid eyeliner. Complete the look with some killer heels.

But if you don't have someone special this Valentine's Day, it's a great excuse to spoil yourself. Treat yourself to some nice new underwear and go out and have fun with friends. You never know – the confidence that comes from wearing beautiful delicates could make the man of your dreams sit up and take notice! ■

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Working



- Earrings \$89, Magnolia Silver Jewellery
- Jacket \$69.95, sizes 8-14, Fahrenheit
- Necklace \$89, Magnolia Silver Jewellery
- Dress \$49.95, sizes 8-18, Emerge at EzBuy
- Handbag \$20, Gabby Wears
- Heels \$49.95, Rubi at Cotton On
- Sunglasses \$19.95, Unity of Roc Eyewear

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All bases

Beautiful skin even in the heat of summer? It is possible!

Getting foundation right when it's hot and sticky is hard. Sebaceous glands work overtime in summer, making skin oilier, so use a foundation that's light, oil-free and won't clog pores.

OILY OR BLEMISH-PRONE SKIN

1 Use a foundation with light coverage, such as **Almay Skin Stays Clean Foundation**. It keeps dirt out and helps control oil break-through all day. It's 100 per cent oil-free, with menthol, aloe and vitamins A and E, \$31.95.

2 **Covergirl Clean Make-up** is oil-free and water-based, with noxzema to care for skin. Also available in a fragrance-free formula for sensitive skin, \$15.50.



Remove pimple-causing bacteria and help control oil with **Clearasil Ultra Deep Pore Gel Wash** or **Clearasil Ultra Deep Pore Face Wipes**, \$13.99 each.



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out

As the holidays finish, it's time to get back to work in one of these great outfits

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- Necklace \$29.99, Chezanibar
- Singlet \$79, sizes XS-L, Fluxus
- Skirt \$89.95, sizes 8-16, Liz Jordan from Noni B
- Sunglasses \$69.95, Roc Eyewear
- Bangie \$19.99, Chezanibar
- Bag \$59.95, Condura
- Heels \$49.95, Payless Shoes

- Dress \$105, sizes 6-14, Purple Ginger
- Bag \$59.95, Condura
- Bracelet \$12.95, Chezanibar
- Sunglasses \$19.95, Unity at Roc Eyewear
- Shoes \$19, Kmart

covered

MINERAL FOUNDATIONS are suitable for all skin types and ideal for summer as they allow skin to breathe, look natural and feel comfortable. They are available in liquid or powder formulations.

Rimmel London Lasting Finish 16 Hour Mineral Enriched Foundation has essential minerals to keep skin looking and feeling healthy. Manganese protects, magnesium energises, calcium strengthens, copper smooths, potassium balances and moisturises, zinc clarifies and iron helps to oxygenate the cells. It gives a smooth, semi-matte finish, \$17.95.



2 Avon Personal Match Smooth Mineral Make-up Powder is free of oils, fragrances, talcs and other potential irritants. Avon's Personal Match technology adapts to skin tones for a flawless finish, \$26.99.

A little loose mineral make-up goes a long way, so apply it sparingly and be sure to use a foundation brush. Dot powder over the forehead, nose, cheeks and chin. Use gentle circular motions starting at the centre of the face and blend powder outwards for a flawless finish.

3 Expensive but divine, **Divina Natural Finish Loose Mineral Foundation** is a foundation, concealer, powder and chemical-free SPF 15 all in one. It provides sheer coverage without glitter or shimmer, with a hypo-allergenic, ultra-gentle and non-irritating formula that contains no oils, perfumes, dyes or talcs, \$60.



GET THE RIGHT COLOUR

Your skin is generally one or two shades darker in summer than in winter. Colour match your foundation with the skin on the back of your hand. Olive and tanned complexions should use yellow-based tones and avoid foundation with pink nuances. Fair complexions should opt for ivory hues with a pink undertone.