

Highlight vs Highlighter

Makeup is such a broad territory that consists of many different products and “rules”. It seems like there is always a new trend or latest release of a makeup item that it can be a bit confusing to keep up with. Two things that have become more and more popular over the years are highlight and highlighter. These two products have become a part of many girls’ everyday makeup routines. So, what are the differences?



Highlighter is a type of makeup that adds shine or shimmer, it is meant to be applied to the high points of your face where the light will naturally reflect, it makes your skin appear to “glow” while instantly adding dimension to your face. Highlighters can come in a variety of different formulas such as a liquid, a cream, or a powder. The same way that choosing the correct foundation shade for your skin is imperative, you should also pay attention to the highlighter that you use. If you have a lighter complexion you will look good in a white or champagne colored highlighter. If you have darker skin, use a shimmer with yellow or gold colors.



Highlight on the other hand is used to make any certain part of your face look bigger, broader, or lengthen as opposed to contouring which does the opposite.

Highlight is also referred to as “concealer”, this is because you use a (concealer) to (highlight). The concealer you use to highlight is usually 1-2 shades lighter than your foundation or skin tone, it is strategically placed in areas of the face like the lower center of your forehead, under eyes, and chin , even on the cheeks below where you would contour. When purchasing a concealer, it will mainly come in a cream or liquid form.

A concealer that is the same shade as your skin tone can also be used to cover a pimple, scar, bruise, etc. If you use a concealer to cover a blemish on your face, it is important that you do not use the same shade that you used to highlight. This will only cause your blemish to stand out, be sure to use the same shade as your foundation whenever attempting to hide an “imperfection”.

This is an example of highlight, used under the eyes, forehead, chin and bridge of nose. You may notice that the highlight has nicely enhanced the portions of her face that she applied it to.



Here you see an example of a golden highlighter applied to the high points of the cheeks, tip/bridge of nose, and cupid’s bow. The highlighter is illuminating her cheekbones beautifully.





Pictured above is an example of using a concealer that is the same shade as their skin to cover blemishes. The use of a concealer can make a substantial impact on the appearance of acne.

Lord willing this short article will help many of my sisters who are new to makeup and exploring its uses. Always remember that you are beautiful even without the makeup, don't feel as though you need it to function and keep in mind that makeup only enhances the beauty we were already given as Israelite women. Use it righteously.

[1 Corinthians 10:31 \(KJV\)](#)

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, **or whatsoever ye do**, do all to the glory of God.”

[Wisdom of Solomon 13:3 \(KJV\)](#)

“With whose beauty if they are being delighted took them to be gods; let them know how much better the Lord of them is: for the first **author of beauty** hath created them.”