

Tasteful Nudes

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WHO: A number of ladies at this year's Golden Globes including Charlize Theron, Kristin Wiig, Heidi Klum, Amy Poehler, Katharine McPhee and Jessica Beal. Many of Marchesa's Spring 2012 frothy confections, most of Calvin Klein's and St. John's Spring 2012 ready-to-wear collections and a good portion of Elie Saab's oeuvre. Those devoted to Urban Decay's new Naked2 Palette, any girl who repeatedly asks for Essie's Ballet Slippers at the nail salon and uhh...anyone with skin.

WHAT: From the palest of pinks to apricot, buff, beige and caramel, **subtle flesh tones** have made a big impact on eyewear designers this season. The **latest must-have optical styles** are showcasing **soft, skin hues** and earthy neutrals; all an ECP has to do is find the wearer's complimentary shade. Paired with an anti-reflective lens so as not to obscure the eye and a pair of lush fake lashes and the windows to the soul just got a whole lot sexier.

WEAR: (top to bottom) The Dart from **La.Eyeworks** defines peaches and cream, perfect for the lady that never lets the sun touch her face; the pale blush front is laminated with a darker acetate on the interior to ground it. The **Mykita** Decades Louise frame is a tanned girl's best friend; not only are the yellower undertones flattering to those with olive complexions but paired with the subtle upswept brow and minimal underwire and she can be sure that all eyes are on her golden glow. The **Jil Sander** JS2638 from Marchon is reminiscent of milk and honey with its oversized, warm beige front which perfectly frames the eyes and its bone temples. Tawny isn't just the name of an 80s video vixen, it's also the perfect adjective to describe the color of the **Balenciaga** BALoo86 from Safilo, a warm, sheer acetate sure to flatter many a skin tone. The **Tommy Bahama** TB4012 from Altair in a rich caramel means women of color can get on board with this trend too.

WHY: What could be more neutral or flattering than nude? Much like wearing flesh tone high heels always makes the legs look longer, a nude frame **that blends with the skin** adds a little oomph without breaking up the lines of the face. Nude frames are **an elegant alternative** to the classic black or tortoise frame, while chunkier designs look especially chic in such a **soft, understated color**.

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