

# Pucker Up!



My whole body feels naked if I don't have one thing on everyday - lipstick. I don't think there's one girl out there who can say they don't own at least 10 or 20 different lipsticks. I don't just buy the trend of the moment, I buy one and stick with it for a while. And whether it's a day or a nightshade I go for how it feels on my lips and how the color looks against my skin.

A friend of mine told me about the lipstick awards on [Sephora.com](http://Sephora.com) (they should give me stock in their company I refer to them so much!) and I just checked it out. Some of them were a given and some of them I will have to try. There are so many to choose from I'll simply tell you where I agree and disagree.

	<p>Most Kissable, X-Rated</p> <p>The most obviously wrong one to me was in the category of Most Kissable, X-Rated - Winner: <a href="#">Dior</a> Diorific Plastic Shine (\$20). Are you kidding me? I like the way it looks on the models in the magazines and when I put it on and do my best mannequin imitation. The stuff is like liquid taffy: it's really gooey and gets everywhere, so you can just forget about kissing anyone unless you are into leaving your mark.</p>
	<p>Most Kissable, Natural - Winner: <a href="#">BeneFit</a> BeneTint (\$24). Hmm, I don't know if I agree with this one either. It is packaged in a nail polish bottle, brush and all and can be used on cheeks eyelids and lips. I tried to use the brush to apply it on my lips and I ended up looking like a three year-old playing in Mommy's lipstick. The stain is a nice red in the beginning but after an hour or two, the stuff seems to migrate from the dry part of your lip to just in inside where it is wet. All you have is a line of color. I returned it after the second attempt.</p>
	<p>Most Infamous Hue - Winner: <a href="#">Club Monaco</a> Glaze Sheer</p>



(\$13). Don't recognize it? Monica Lewinsky wore it in the interview she did with Barbara Walters. Though I have not tried it, women went nuts for this right after the interview and no store could keep it in stock. I think they should change the name to "Club Monica" for all the money Club Monaco made off her.



Most Ungooey Lip Gloss - Winner: Lorac Lip Glosses (\$13.50). I'll have to try them and get back to you. Never been a big fan of Lorac.

I have come across a couple of lipsticks that I think make the "Cybele's Hall of Fame." Before I give you my favorites, let's just all come to the conclusion that there will never be a lipstick that will stay on for 8 hours or so without moving or fading! I have come to that conclusion, buried it in the ground, and ... sigh, laid it to rest. So don't even look at this column to tell you which ones stay on the longest etc. Like I said before, I just go for what feels good on my lips and what stays on for a reasonable amount of time. Here are my choices:



A recent discovery of mine comes from the wonderful world of [Lanome](#). Their "Rouge Magnetic" felt so wonderful going on - it doesn't skip around the lip when you are applying it (sign of a drying formula) or fade right away. I gave the very bright pink "Hibiscus Rose" a road test yesterday and it came off a little when I drank from a bottle of water and had lunch. All in all, it held up pretty well by my standards. Apart from the way it felt when I applied it, the way it felt when I pursed my lips together was a little oily but not too much that it migrates to the outside of your lip line.

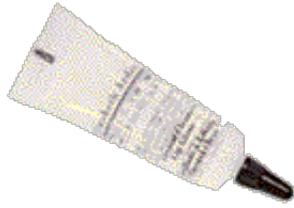


Another choice of mine is Anna Sui's line of lipsticks. She is famous for just wearing straight-up red all the time. I figured I couldn't go wrong and I didn't. For basic red, she is the woman and this is the shade.

I was not going to get into glosses here but I have to have my say about the "[MAC Lipglass](#)." It looks great on and is the shiniest I have ever tried but, this may sound strange, it



felt like it was suffocating my lips - so much so that I looked forward to taking it off at the end of the night. My lips started feeling tingly about two minutes after I put it on.



LA make-up artist extraordinaire Mylah Morales suggested I try "Crystal Lipgloss" from [Elizabeth Arden](#). The gloss factor is up there with the MAC but without the smothering. It has a slight minty feel and smell to it and I love it - no suffocation here.

A couple of categories that I think they forgot:



Best Smelling Lipstick - Tie between the following two: Anna Sui (all her products have the slight smell of tea rose) and [Tony & Tina](#) (lipsticks smell like a spring breeze)



Also, if you don't own anything orange - get ta' steppin' girlfriend. It is the refreshing color of the season and it works for most people's skin tone. I have been way into the orange line Lancome just came out with, but from what I can see a lot of the lines are adding orange. I have been losing my mind trying to find a department store that has "Juicy Tubes" from Lancome's new "Pollen" line. They have five colored glosses that have been flying off the shelves and one of them is the most beautiful shade of orange. I have visited 12 different counters trying to get it. "It's a promotional campaign and once we are out, that's it," the Lancome rep told me over the phone. I found a comparable shade at Sephora. It is #211 and it is only \$9.



**LOSER OF THE MONTH:** Besides orange being apart of the "Pollen" line of Lancome, they are also introducing all shades of yellow as the spring color. For the face, etc., I think that is fine but I tried on the sheer yellow nail polish in the store and, ugh, I have never seen such an ugly shade on my hand! It makes your nails the same color yellow as when you leave your nail polish on for too long. Either that or you came down with a bad case of jaundice over the weekend. I can't believe they are selling this and that

people actually are buying it and, ugh, wearing it!

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