

Special Feature: Health and Beauty Online

The best sites for makeup and more.

You're probably at the point where you buy music, clothes and even books online for the convenience factor. Why not try purchasing your health and beauty products online as well? There's no need for you to leave your room to stock up on goodies like makeup, shampoo and hair accessories when you can browse online, pick up a few tips from the experts and maybe even save a few dollars.

The warehouse sites for health and beauty are drugstore.com and DrugEmporium.com—they're exactly what they sound like—Internet drug stores with everything you'd expect to find in their brick and mortar counterparts. Drugstore.com has an extensive makeup section with products from the usual suspects such as Revlon and Maybelline, and a few from more obscure lines like Black Opal and Garden Botanika. The site has regular specials and markdowns on everything from eyelash curlers to tub teas. Another way drugstore.com and other online pharmacies can make your life a lot easier is by filling, and then delivering, your prescription drugs.

For more exclusive makeup and fragrance lines, go to www.sephora.com. This slick site is easily navigable: search by brand, color, price or category. Sephora has special sections such as Editor's Picks, a rotating list of their favorite products, hair accessories and gifts. If you want truly exclusive health and beauty products, there's only one place to go: Reflect.com. By answering a series of targeted questions you can design



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your own cosmetics, fragrance, hair care and skin care products, right down to the name of the product and the shape of the container. The well-designed site will walk you through the customization process, and the products, priced along the lines of department store brands, come with an unconditional

money-back guarantee.

If you're not in the market for \$17 lipsticks, there are a ton of bargains out there: try the old faithfuls like

Target.com, where you can browse basic—and affordable—offerings for everything from makeup to hot rollers. Also worth a glance is American Beauty Discount Supply, a discount

beauty.com, where you'll find cheap hair care products from companies like

American Crew and Bain de Terre. They carry discounted products for everything from head to toe, so check it out to see if your favorites are on the list.

If you're interested in natural products, there are plenty of green sites on the

web. Try Back2Nature.net for all-natural herbal cosmetics, hair and skin care products, and remedies for everything that ails you.

Standard shipping at most of these sites runs from \$3-\$5, but you can often get free shipping if you order above a certain amount. Remember to check out return policies before you buy—most sites will accept returned products with no questions, but you don't want to get stuck with a \$20 magenta lipstick because of an ordering mistake. •

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The Perseus Digital Library

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Archaeology on the Net

www.serve.com/archaeology
This page has compiled all of the archaeological resources on the web into one handy site. There are dozens of journals you can access, links to academic departments so you can start researching your grad school, and loads of information ranging from anthropology to rock art. Unfortunately the site is not searchable, but it is reasonably well organized.
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Latin World

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