



Pucker Up

THE BEST INDIE LIPSTICKS FOR GIVING COLOR TO YOUR KISSER

THERE'S A WHOLE world of lippies just waiting for you outside of Sephora. Bigger brands often lack the color range and passion that comes with the products so many small businesses supply. Here are some of our favorite woman-owned and cruelty-free indie lipstick companies that'll give you a perfect pout. —KATHRYN HENSCH



THE LIP BAR

THELIPBAR.COM

With ingredients like shea butter and jojoba oil, it's hard to find a lipstick as moisturizing and comfortable as Lip Bar owner Melissa Butler's. The brand's got something for everyone, from the rosy Baby Bellini (pictured) to the head-turning Purple Rain, or the perfectly cocoa Chocolate Spritzer.



LIMNIT

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Have you ever wished you could try a bold lipstick before buying the whole tube? Thanks to this Virginia-based brand, it's possible. Test out the teal League of My Own or The Other Side's yellow-orange (pictured) with their mini jars. Opt for full size in classic shades like the baby pink of Petal to the Metal.



PORTLAND BLACK LIPSTICK COMPANY

PORTLANDBLACKLIPSTICKCO.COM

Black lipstick can take any look from blah to badass. This company's formula is creamy and opaque, unlike other brands that leave lips dry. For something lighter than their flawless dark shades like Undead Red (pictured), try Bad Penny, a copper color with a gorgeous gold sheen.



NERO COSMETICS

NEROCOSMETICS.COM

Kiss the days of choosing between the glisten of lip gloss or the pigment of lipstick goodbye. Nero Cosmetics packs a punch of color and luster all in one tube, and it's their metallics that really shine. Gold Dust Woman looks like molten rose gold on your lips and Banshee's purple glitter (pictured) is stunning.

Hello Kitty

CAT LADIES WILL WANT THIS MONTHLY BOX O' GOODIES RIGHT MEOW

PUSSY PRIDE TAKES on a whole new meaning with CatLadyBox (catladybox.com), a monthly subscription service for feline fans. Every month, subscribers receive a box (\$34.99) filled with exclusive cat-themed items made by indie artists—like a cat-printed chiffon scarf and hand-cut cat head felt coasters—handpicked by owner Dorian Wagner, who's determined “to change the way the world thinks of cat ladies.” Upgrade to the Crazy CatLadyBox for \$39.99 a month, and you'll also get treats for kitties like a handmade fortune cookie toy stuffed with catnip. “My hope is to help cat ladies show off in a fabulous way,” says Wagner. Even better, five percent of proceeds benefit cat-rescue organizations around the country. It's paws-itively purrfect. —JENNIFER CHEN



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