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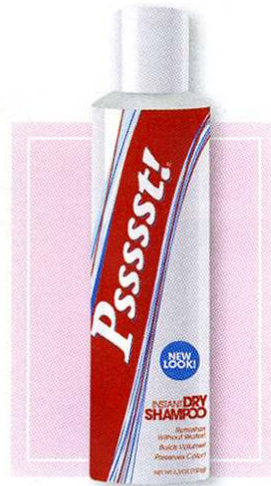
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SKIP SUDSING YOUR HAIR WITH THESE DRY SHAMPOOS

WHEN IT COMES to good-looking hair, there's a golden window between washes when tresses achieve an effortless balance of clean and dirty. Dry shampoo—a powder that soaks up oil and adds volume and texture—promises to extend this period of eternal cool. It may also be the perfect way to keep the grease at bay when life is too hectic for a shower, or when you're just too lazy to take one. I put my hair on the line to see which dry shampoos really leave you high and dry (which in this case, is a good thing).

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Psssst! Instant Dry Shampoo (\$5.99, available at drugstores) is the ol' classic. It's been around for decades and even the new look of its packaging retains a vintage feel. The aerosol can allows for easy application, and the spritz feels like a cool breeze. A few sprays does the trick, making my hair fuller and cleaner-looking in just a couple of minutes.



Batiste Dry Shampoo in Blush (\$7.99, available at drugstores) is a modern take on dry shampoo, with a cute floral can design. Its thin aerosol can makes it easy to hold and Batiste gives my hair more volume than Psssst!, but the strong scent is reminiscent of old-lady perfume. Like Psssst!, it comes out white, so don't use too much of either, or they'll leave your hair looking gray.



The All Nighter Styling Powder (\$18, www.theall-nighter.com) is an all-natural alternative, with rice and tapioca starch acting as absorbents instead of difficult-to-pronounce ingredients. It's packaged like baby powder rather than hair spray and comes in a variety of colors. The light tangerine scent is fresh, and the dark brown/black powder matches my tresses to a T, but precision is key—my first application left streaks on my face and neck. It's a small price to pay, however, to banish blow-drying.

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Hurraw! Mint Lip Balm, \$3.79, www.hurrawbalm.com



CATIE

This minty-fresh balm kept my lips soft all day with only one application. The mint actually worked as a breath freshener too, by masking the garlicky hummus I had for lunch. It has a permanent home in my purse!



ALISON

Having used a bajillion varieties of mint lip balms, this one rated "OK" for minty-ness, and "eh" for stay-on factor and smoothness. On the plus side, it didn't melt in my pocket like many other organic lip balms have.



BRITTANY

This balm was a little glossier than most, but it still packed a soothing, healing punch. The fresh mint scent was definitely pleasant, and the unorthodox oval shape made it easier to find in the bottom of my bag.

The Body Deli Botanical Butter Scrub in Pumpkin Spice, \$28, www.thebodydeli.com



Not only did this scrub smell and look delicious enough to eat, but it also made my skin soft for days. I was afraid I would smell like pumpkin pie, but I was left with only a hint of sweet spices.

This smelled so delicious! Excellent for pampering yourself before curling up with a good book and something hot to drink. I wasn't too fond of how greasy the scrub initially felt, but it soaked in quickly and left my skin silky.

I loved this exfoliant's scent and especially appreciated that I didn't smell overwhelmingly pumpkin-y afterward. It was slightly oily, but it was just what my dry skin needed. I felt supersmooth for the rest of the day.

J.R. Watkins Daily Cleansing Cream, \$9.99, www.jrwatkins.com



I usually go for a grainy scrub for a cleaner feel, but this milky cleanser felt great for dry winter mornings. The natural oils seemed greasy at first, but after a minute my skin was moisturized sans lotion!

This cleanser had a neutral smell, didn't get sudsy (no burning eyes from wayward bubbles!), and left my face with a cool, tingly, clean sensation. It also didn't dry out my skin like some face washes do.

Though I'm not completely sold on this cleanser, it certainly smelled clean, and at least I didn't break out. But I didn't really dig how oily it left my face, considering I'm usually fighting to keep grease at bay.