

## Beauty Dare

### Daytime slumber-party face mask

I get so irritated by ladies who wear curlers to run errands that I decided to stage a protest by smearing a bright green mask all over my face before going out for coffee. Plus, I figured I could at least tackle my blackheads at the same time (given the oil-absorbing properties of the clay, duh). The weirdest thing was how unnoticed I went, though one lady did wonder how long I had to keep it on. Was she planning

on multitasking a coffee run/facial in the future herself? Later, I went to a drugstore beauty aisle. (Ironical!) A girl thought I was there for a promotional thing and asked me where to find the masks. Since my face was frozen in place (the clay had completely dried), I feebly pointed in the right direction. That's when it dawned on me: You can totally get away with sporting a mask in public. Good to know. —Courtney D.



## DIY pore shrinkage

Here's an easy way to minimize the appearance of enlarged pores courtesy of Anjali, who was formerly the Martha Stewart of Indian daytime TV and now is head of product development at Shobha salon in New York. Using a blender, puree one medium unripe tomato

(the greener the better—not like the one pictured here!) with one teaspoon of honey—this will mix the astringent power of the fruit with the natural moisturizers in the honey. Apply the pulp to a freshly washed face, leave it on for 20 minutes, then rinse. And if your problems go beyond skin issues, toss the remaining puree into a shaker, add some salt, a little vodka and a lot of ice. Shake, pour, drink. —Celia



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**The Jane Makeunder** **Meagan, 24**, is getting her master's degree in elementary education. Little does she know that 9-year-olds think heavy black eyeliner is terribly gauche.

**When she walked in** Products: 10 (concealer, foundation, powder, blush, eyeliner, eyeshadow, mascara, brow gel, lip liner, lipstick) Prep time: 45 minutes **Meagan says:** "Whenever I get really nervous, I rely on smoky eyes and red lips for an added boost of confidence."

**When she walked out** Products: 5 (Flirt! Mousse Blush in Girl Talk, \$12; Maybelline Unstoppable Liner in Onyx, \$7; Shiseido Silky Eye Shadow Duo in Violet Glitz, \$27; M.A.C. lip conditioner, \$12; Bumble and bumble Defrizz, \$20) Prep time: 10 minutes **Meagan says:** "I'm definitely feeling the subtle look, which is probably the way to go if I want to be taken seriously...and not freak out the kids."

**What we did** All Meagan needed was a light blush for a hint of dewiness, since her olive skin is blemish-free. Makeup artist Kathryn kept Meagan's eyes simple by lining her inner lids and using a mauve shadow. Then she applied a moisture-rich lip balm, perfect for when Meagan eats all the apples that are sure to land on her desk. Finally, hairstylist Stevie added an anti-frizz serum to Meagan's straight, thick hair and created a cute side part.

