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16 Beauty Products You Didn't Know You Needed In Your Handbag 24/7 Jessica Booth

Everyone who carries a handbag that's on the larger side knows the struggle of trying to keep it organized. It's actually amazing that things can get so messy in such a small space. No matter how many pockets or pouches or spots there are for your items, it's easy to lose the one thing you need to grab quickly or to stick your hand in there to grab your phone, only to find melted candy at the bottom of it (just me? No? Didn't think so). All of this is to say one thing: you probably have a lot of junk in your bag that doesn't need to be there... and what you *do* need is no where to be found. That brings me to my main point, which is that there are beauty products you need in your handbag all the time, even if you didn't realize you do.

I know that, to a lot of people, carrying around a pouch stuffed with beauty products sounds crazy. I totally get that! Our handbags are often heavy enough as it is – why should you carry around a bunch of makeup on top of everything else you need? I used to feel that way too... but I also used to spend a lot of time wishing I had a certain item on me that I knew was sitting on my dresser at home. In some cases, I would even spend money to buy that item because I needed it in the moment. So, while "need" might be a slightly dramatic word here, I can promise you that, in the end, the heft of these products is worth carrying around, especially if you're going to be out and about for more than a few hours.

If you want to start carrying around a mini version of your beauty routine, I'm excited to show you the ropes, and I also want to tell you to be picky. There are some makeup products that are super helpful to have on hand (like the ones below), and there are others you just don't need. Foundation? You don't need that. You're not going to reapply that in the middle of the day unless you go swimming. Eye shadow palettes? Cute, but no. Setting powder? Eh. Not necessary. I'm going to show you items that you'll actually use on the go instead of things that will sit there, collecting dust and probably breaking. Oh, and get yourself a cute travel makeup pouch to put everything in instead of stuffing these things into random pockets of your purse, or worse, letting them rattle around on the bottom of your bag. They'll make a mess and probably get destroyed. So, here are 16 beauty products you didn't know you needed in your handbag 24/7.

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Nudestix Blur Pencil, \$24, Sephora

I know a blur pencil sounds like concealer, but it isn't the same thing. A blur pencil like this one masks "imperfections" and makes skin look a little more clear and matte. It's basically for red spots or things you want to cover up without being obvious about. You can carry this and concealer for emergencies, or just one or the other. There are so many reasons I recommend this Nudestix one: the packaging is great (the tin has a little mirror), it includes a portable sharpener, and oh yeah, it really works.

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