

The Real Skin Checklist

SKIN SIMPLIFIED

What skin actually looks like — and how to care for it this fall

FOR SKINCARE LOVERS, STUDENTS & ESTHETICIANS

Most of the skin we see online has been smoothed, filtered, or relit before it reaches us. Over time, that quietly changes what we expect from our own faces. Use this page to reset the bar to what human skin really does — then put your energy where it actually pays off.

Recognize What's Normal

- ☐ **Visible pores**, especially on the nose and cheeks. Pores don't open and close, and they were never meant to disappear.
- ☐ **Texture and soft facial hair**. Tiny bumps, fine lines, and peach fuzz all catch the light up close. That's skin, not a flaw.
- ☐ **Uneven color**. A little redness around the nose, darker tone under the eyes, a few freckles. Real skin is never one flat shade.
- ☐ **Skin that changes**. It shifts with sleep, stress, hormones, and weather — including the first dry, windy weeks of fall.

Spot the Edit

- ☐ **No pores at close range** usually means a filter, retouching, or very flattering light.
- ☐ **Poreless, perfectly even, and no shadows** all at once describes the photo, not the person.
- ☐ **Dramatic results in days**. Pigment doesn't move that fast. If a spot vanished overnight, the camera did it.

Give Fall Pigment Work a Real Chance

- ☐ **Keep your daily SPF**. Cooler days still carry UVA, and pigment responds to small, everyday doses of sun.
- ☐ **Pick one brightening step and stay with it**. Stacking several actives often leads to irritation — and irritation can leave more pigment behind.
- ☐ **Keep hands off**. Picking at spots and breakouts leaves marks that outlast the blemish.
- ☐ **Measure in months, not days**. Take a photo in the same light today and compare it in 12 weeks.
- ☐ **Get it checked** if a spot is new, changing, or doesn't look like the others. That's a job for a dermatologist.

Swap the Script

INSTEAD OF	TRY
"I need to get rid of my pores."	"I want my skin clear and comfortable."
"Why doesn't my skin look like that photo?"	"That photo was edited. My skin is doing its job."
"Erase my dark spots."	"Let's soften these spots over the next few months."

Estheticians and students: these work word-for-word in consultations, too.

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