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BRIT'S OFFICE BEAUTY ESSENTIALS



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So, I am not the most organized person. I chalk it up to me being a "creative spirit." But I think my former roommates and boyfriend would agree that it's more just because I'm lazy and scatterbrained. Now, don't get me wrong—to the naked eye, my apartment is usually pretty immaculate. **But it's all a lie.** If you open up my closet, you'll see me for who I really am (someone who desperately needs to get her dry

cleaning done, someone who wears sports bras and summer clothes to work when she's doing her laundry, and someone whose socks never, ever, EVER match, even though she buys the same pair in bulk every month).

While this level of messiness is tolerable when it comes to my clothes, I need my desk to be spick and span. For a while, it was covered in piles of "paperwork" (aka ripped-out magazine articles about beauty), an absurd amount of lipstick and lotion, and bagel crumbs (don't judge). This year, I decided to clean up my act. My theory is that when my work space is inspiring and neat, my "chi" will be centered and I'll be much more productive. So, here is the finished product (don't act like you're not impressed):



Of course, I had to keep **some** beauty products around. I mean, what's a girl supposed to do? Have bare lips and dry hands all day? So I narrowed down my assortment to the absolute necessities.

First on my list of office beauty essentials, ALL of my **MIYU** products. I refuse to part with any of them—so as you can see in the pic above, I designated a special tray just for my MIYU beauty swag. MIYU makes the most elegant “beauty teas” and face mists—and they are SO much more than just a pretty package. First off, I have never tasted tea so soothing and refreshing. And even better, the ingredients work to give my complexion a gorgeous glow from the inside out. The matching mists intensify the effects and give my skin an instant boost whenever I need a pick-me-up. Instead of taking Reese peanut butter cup breaks, I now take tea and mist breaks. And, I have to say: my skin is looking pretty darn glowy these days. Plus, I'm feeling VERY zen. Almost too zen. Like I could

“om” at any minute. **(MIYU teas are on sale today at 11am ET—click here to shop!)**





Sip, spritz, sip, spritz, look gorgeous, and repeat.

And on the right, here is my ENTIRE makeup collection:

So minimalist, isn't it?

1. **Repechage** hand cream. The best hand cream ever. It absorbs into my skin fast enough for me to start typing right away, and it leaves my hands softer than ever. Like all Repechage products, the active ingredient in this cream is seaweed, which is packed with vitamins and minerals and can turn back the clock like nothing else. The scent is clean, crisp, and refreshing: whenever I apply it, all my colleagues suddenly appear at my desk for a squirt.



2. Kevyn Aucoin sensual skin enhancer. If you get blue-ish under eye circles like me, this is a godsend. (Regular readers, you are sick to death of hearing me rave about this, so I'll stop there.)

3. **29 Cosmetics Finishing Powder** AND Sephora Tea Tree Blotting Paper. You all know how I hate being shiny—and this little combo keeps me matte without looking powdery. What I love most about them? They both smell good. The Sephora blotting papers smell like tea tree (duh), and the finishing powder smells a little like grapefruit. (It's actually grape seed extract, which fights wrinkles like the best of 'em.) **BY THE WAY**, you guys, this is my very last blotting paper—and Sephora has discontinued these! Why oh why?! Does anyone have a good alternative? I've tried the Boscia green tea ones, and I wasn't all that impressed. Please, let's talk blotting papers in the comments.

4. A magnifying mirror, because who has the time to go all the way to the bathroom to check their makeup? Not I.

5. **My Booty Parlor "Kissaholic" Aphrodisiac Plumping Lipgloss in Shiver.** The color is the perfect nude so it matches whatever I'm wearing, and it fattens up my teensy lips like nobody's bid-nas. It smells like Jaegermeister, which is a little disorienting sometimes, but I don't care. It looks and feels totes amaze.

6. My Figs & Rouge 100% Natural, 100% Pure Lip Balm. Smells and tastes like fresh cherries, has a perfect tint that makes me look healthy and happy, and keeps my lips silky soft.

7. Comodynes makeup removing towelettes. If I'm heading to yoga or the gym after work, I like to remove my makeup first. These towelettes tone, moisturize, and cleanse all at once. They are such a step up from the Neutrogena wipes most people use!

Annnnd dat is it, my friends! Which beauty products do you need within arm's reach at all times?

Stay Glossy, my Glossy Gals!

xoxo,

