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# Agenda

- Introduction
- What is Ahimsa-friendly cosmetics?
- Where do the ingredients come from?
- Cosmetics Brands Survey
- Getting Ahimsa-friendly cosmetics guide

### Jain Religion – 5 Principles

#### Ahimsa - Nonviolence

#### Satya - Truth

Asteya - non stealing

Aparigraha – Non-possessiveness

#### Brahmacharya - Celibacy

### Nonviolence is the ultimate religion

#### Jains practice Ahimsa in

- Food that is consumed by our bodies
- Thoughts that are consumed by our minds
- Behavior that are consumed by our societies
- Jains avoid harming animals
- How about cosmetics?
  - We, Jains, need to ensure that if we consume cosmetics, they are vegan and cruelty free. Many brands of cosmetics use animals for testing, and some brands are not vegetarian



"Ahimsa Parmo Dharma"

#### **Ahimsa-friendly Cosmetics**

Vegan

COSMETICS THAT ARE BOTH VEGAN AND CRUELTY-FREE.

NOTE: VEGAN DOES NOT NECESSARILY EQUAL CRUELTY-FREE!

VEGAN: Does not include animal products but may be tested on animals AHIMSA friendly Cruelty - Free

> CRUELTY-FREE: Not tested on animals but may include animal based products

#### Where do ingredients come from?

Albumen - Proteins from eggs or egg whites.

**Allantoin** -Can be plant-based or synthetically made, however, can come from the excretions of animals.

Ambergris - A waxy substance found in whales.

**Bone-black** - can also be labeled as bone charcoal-Produced by charring animal bones

Carmine - can also be labeled as cochineal, carminic acid, and E120

-Red dye derived from beetles, has synthetic counterparts

#### **More ingredients**

**Cetyl alcohol** - can also be labeled as cetyl lactate, cetyl myristate, cetyl palmitate, and ceteth-1, 02-another whale oil

**Cholesterin** - a type of steroid found in animal tissue

**Choline bitartrate** - or lecithin-can come from both plant and animal tissue

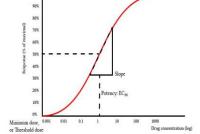
**Collagen** - Usually from beef/fish, but can be lab made

Fish oil - From fish

# **Types of Animal Testing**

- Dermal penetration and skin sensitization- Chemicals are applied/injected on various parts of animals (usually rodent's) skin to see if they will react
- Acute toxicity- Animals are injected with possibly toxic doses of chemicals, LD 50, in which 50% of organisms die, to see how badly they react

Here is an example of a dose response curve



The dashed line is LD 50

### **Important Note**



- Just because a brand generically uses animal testing or nonvegetarian products does not mean *ALL of its products* are not ethical to use.
- Similarly, if a brand has one vegan product you enjoy, you should not buy another product from that brand without checking it's contents, because that brand might not be entirely vegan.

### **Cosmetic Brands**

- Loreal
- Covergirl
- E.l.f

#### **L'Oréal**



L'Oreal claims their Ever Pure hair products are 100% vegan, but L'Oreal is not cruelty-free.

CRUELTY-FREE IN USA, NOT YET IN China China remains one of the few countries in the world to require animal tests for beauty products.

# Covergirl

- Cruelty- free AND AT TIMES vegan
- "Our products do not contain or use in their manufacture any animal derived ingredients with the exception of lanolin, beeswax, sodium Chondroitin sulfate, and atelocollagen." So Covergirl uses many animal products but does not support animal testing."



### Ahimsa-friendly makeup

### E.L.F.



• ELF makeup is the cheapest and most easily accessible vegan makeup brand. And the entire brand is vegan, so you don't have to worry about checking by product.

## Getting Ahimsa-friendly makeup Guide

- Getting cruelty-free+vegan makeup
- There are hundreds of vegan brands that you can choose from! However, they are usually domestic corporations due to the aforementioned animal testing regulations in China.
- The veganism and ethical animal treatment movements have been growing over the past few years, so you can get them at drugstores and online!
- A smart trick is to check for a bunny on the label as those are common cruelty-free and vegan makeup indicators.



### Other vegan/mostly vegan brands

PACI fICA Line Crine. COVER • **Kathon A** bareMinerals

# Thank you



#### The end-hope you liked it :)

Oh! <u>And remember, you don't need makeup to be beautiful!</u> <u>Cosmetics are tools, not requirements, and it's a choice whether</u> <u>you use it or not!</u>

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