



## Darker Skin Tone Chart Professional Natural Skin Care Formulation Course

This chart is a general guide for understanding the unique characteristics and care needs of darker skin tones. Real skin tones are highly individual.

Tone Category	Description	Undertones	Key Skincare Focus Areas
Deep Ebony	Very dark with high melanin concentration	Cool, Neutral, Warm	Deep hydration, gentle exfoliation, brightening dullness, even skin tone
Ebony	Deep chocolate brown	Neutral, Warm	Targeted moisture retention, fade post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation (PIH), antioxidant protection
Deep Mahogany	Reddish-brown depth with noticeable warmth	Warm (red/golden)	Reduce blotchiness, restore barrier with nourishing oils, balance tone
Rich Walnut	Smooth dark brown, less red	Neutral, Cool	Strengthen skin barrier, soothe inflammation, support elasticity
Golden Cocoa	Deep brown with a golden or olive glow	Warm (golden/olive)	Enhance natural glow, prevent uneven patches, protect from photoaging
Deep Bronze	On the lighter end of deep tones, radiant look	Warm, Neutral	Maintain radiance, protect from sun damage, balance sebum and hydration
Warm Almond	Medium-deep brown with yellow- red undertones	Warm	Fade dark marks, tone correction, lightweight hydration, reduce shine

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## Notes:

- Cool = red, blue, or purple undertones
- Neutral = mix of warm and cool undertones
- Warm = golden, yellow, or red undertones
- Always test products in natural light on the jawline or neck for best match.
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