

What do Téa Leoni, Carrie Ann Inaba, Colin Cowie, and Kim Vo Have in Common—Aqua Tan

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Do you want to make a fashion statement with your skin sporting a lovely natural looking glow? That is a challenge many face and we found Hollywood insiders' secret. When Tina Turnbow of the New York

Times asked Téa Leoni her secret for her sun-kissed glow, Leoni responded, "Aqua Tan self-tanning products..."

Other industry insiders who love Aqua Tan include Carrie Ann Inaba, *Dancing with the Stars*; Colin Cowie, *Style Maker to the Stars*; Kim Vo, *Stylist to the Stars*; make up artists at Bloomberg TV; and discerning clients of the Peninsula Beverly Hills Spa. Aqua Tan was named a "Summer Beauty Obsession" by People Magazine.

Aqua Tan was launched at the Cannes Film Festival in 2003 because Fashion Film and Elegance evoke the brand.

With wedding season approaching, brides love this product as it does not come off on dresses. Men love it too because it doesn't feel like a makeup product. It's clean and clear and smells fresh!

Unexpectedly, I discovered Aqua Tan Products five years after the company started and was pleasantly pleased. The line has been a tremendous hit and will enhance your body with a glorious natural-looking tan.

The quest for a good self-tanning product was on my agenda for 20+ years. I had tried many, but none provided the finished result that I desired until Aqua Tan.

Since Aqua Tan offers many alternatives, picking those to start with was a challenge. But I narrowed my decision down to three: Aqua Tan Gentle Purifying Gelee, Aqua Tan Self Tanning Body Milk, and 100% Natural Aqua Tan Self-Tanning Spray for Faces.



Colin Cowie. Photo courtesy of Lev Radin Shutterstock.com.

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Why I recommend these products for a fashion pick-me-up is based on my own experience. A week before attending a meeting where I wanted to appear to have a nice tan, I started my experiment. The **Aqua Tan Gentle Purifying Gelee (\$36)** did a lovely job as a gentle exfoliate in the shower. Its combination of white tea, cucumber, and green tea extracts along with fruit enzymes, was soothing and not harsh, with a light fruit scent. Dull skin was washed away and my body felt soft. This lasted several months with bi-weekly use. A little goes a long way.

Next, I applied **Aqua Tan Self-Tanning Body Milk (\$42)** everywhere except my face. When you open this tube, its aroma is fresh and the product is white, light, thin and silky. As you apply it over your body, it soaks in like a lotion. A combination of Shea Butter, Kukui Nut Oil, Avocado Oil, Cocoa Butter, Vitamin E, and Vitamin B5 work together to nourish your skin while leaving it soft. The body milk dried fast and I only needed a few additional minutes before getting dressed. It has been named “Best Overall Self Tanner.” This works for men and women.

It took about 2 hours for my tan to appear. Even though I thought I had been careful, there were 3 or 4 spots I missed. So I applied a little more to those starkly contrasting areas, and within a few hours I had a *healthy overall* tan. Over the next 5 days, I applied the body milk 2 more times. It took about 10 days before I had to apply any more. As this application faded away over another 10 days, I used the exfoliate to eliminate any leftover spots.

I repeated the above process five weeks later with the same exceptional

results. What I especially liked was not having to apply it every day. Instead, between applications, I used regular body lotion during the time I had my Aqua Tan. I'm sure the **Aqua Tan Sensual Tan Extender (\$40)** will help enhance everyone's tan and make them last a little longer and I am going to try it. This rejuvenating lotion contains CoQ10, Avocado Oil, Shea Butter and Kukui Nut Oil and was a top pick for “Sex and the City”—How could they be wrong?

It's tempting to say I've saved the best for last.

I can't pick a favorite...

But I can't pick a favorite between the body milk and the **100% Natural Aqua Tan Self Tanning Spray for Faces (\$40)**. You spray the latter on your face and spread evenly with your fingertips. Like the other products, it contains powerful antioxidants for protecting your skin against free radicals, combined with nourishing botanicals, Awapuhi, Papaya, Cucumber and Aloe Vera extracts. Its light fragrance is refreshing and all natural.

I used this spray every day for 4 days and then every 3rd day. I absolutely love its feel and results. This product lasted me for over 3 months.

With wanting skin to have a healthy glow without the sun, you can show it off, knowing you are using a safe product. The manufacturer says its formula makes a difference. "DHA (dihydroxyacetone), a fermented sugar, reacts with amino acids in the top layer of the skin to produce a healthy tan. DHA is the only self-tanning ingredient approved for safe use by the FDA."

Aqua Tan products have my vote and endorsement and can be purchased online at www.aqua-tan.com.

So get your Aqua Tan and be ready to show off your fashions with glowing skin. Please be sure to let me know how you enjoy the product.

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