

Writers for Diversity

Skin Tone Descriptions



Alabaster
Ecru
Ivory
Sand
Wheat

Blush
Cameo
Pink
Seashell
Rose

Golden
Beige
Buff
Fawn
Taupe
Clay

Tan
Hazel
Brown
Umber
Chestnut
Brunette

Bronze
Teak
Walnut
Mahogany
Ebony
Onyx

Gold
Copper
Russet
Tawny
Sienna
Ochre

Olive

A quick note about the color Olive.

Olive is one exception to the *"don't use food to describe skin tone"* rule. While you wouldn't describe a person as, "her skin glowed in the sunlight like a green olive resting in a large martini." You can say, "her dusky olive skin glowed in the sunlight as she dove into the pool." See the difference?