

STYLE RADAR

TAP THAT APP

Makeup Plus

After going public in December of last year, Chinese selfie-editing app Meitu shot to popularity in the US, filling Twitter feeds with images of doe-eyed Donald Trumps and effeminate Putins. While the exaggerated face alterations made for excellent memes, few would consider using Meitu to touch up a 'serious' selfie, unless they were born bearing an uncanny resemblance to Sailor Moon. For the rest of us (guys, you too), Makeup Plus is where it's at.

Created by the same tech company behind Meitu, Makeup Plus is an ideal tool for those seeking subtle adjustments in their complexion, face contour and even eye color. We're not suggesting that you adhere to society's expectations for beauty, but sometimes a photo doesn't do justice to the real you. Maybe you snapped a selfie in the back of a cab with poor lighting, for example, or ran out of time to brush up your makeup before an important (and well documented) work event. Just upload the photo(s) onto Makeup Plus and use the 'editor' function to do some post-production tweaks. Realistic eyeliner, eyeshadow, mascara, lipstick, blush and hair dye are only a click away.

Arguably the coolest function on the app is 'lab,' which lets you try out different brands and shades of lipstick – from YSL, Clinique, Lancome, Sephora, Bobbi Brown, Dior and more – virtually on your phone's live camera. It'll save you a trip to the mall and lots of unnecessary tissue dabbing.

Makeup Plus is available for both iOS and Android devices.



MADE IN CHINA

OFF_CURRENT

Good news for China-based hipsters. Launched in May, OFF_CURRENT is a new online shop and lifestyle platform that carries a curated list of cult and indie design labels from around the world. Since they have some of the items in stock already, the delivery lead-time is generally faster than ordering from the brands' online platforms directly.

Here, you'll find interesting accessories such as purses and bags by Baggu (from RMB90), sunglasses by Local Supply and Illesteva (from RMB550), as well as magazines like *Wired*, *Monocle* and *Paper*. Shipment generally takes two to three business days for standard delivery (for in-stock products) in most cities in mainland China (free delivery for orders above RMB500), and they currently only accept Alipay and WeChat payment.

www.offcurrent.com; WeChat ID: offcurrent

INSPECT-A-GADGET

Speaker Pillow

No doubt there is a marketing team ready to promote this pillow as the future of sleep, but it's actually just firm padding and speakers – a pairing that does something useful, if not world changing.

The DreamLand pillow is a blessing for those who, to preserve domestic bliss, have sacrificed a nighttime music habit; the eight internal speakers are barely audible unless you lay your ear against the polyester-cotton pillowcase.

Audio is sent from your phone via bluetooth and is clear enough to listen to a podcast, though it lacks bass and is slightly muffled – you are listening to a pillow, after all.

The optional Bluetooth audio receiver connects with cables tucked into both sides of the pillow and a phone app lets you choose from the usual sleep-inducing rainforests or



looping frogs, with the main draw being a sleep timer, though most media players have that anyway.

Admittedly, the DreamLand pillow has some unneeded frills – you don't need to use the app, and the audio cables can connect to your phone's jack, rather than the Bluetooth receiver – but it does what it says on the box.

You can now nod off to Metallica or the nasal charm of Ira Glass, rather than the snoring of your bed buddy.

RMB800 on JD.com starting June 16 (search 'Dreamland')