

**cosmetic**

1. [kɒz'metɪk] *n*
  1. косметическое средство
  2. *обыкн. pl* косметика  
cosmetics bag - косметичка (сумочка)
  3. прикрасы; ≅ лакировка действительности
2. [kɒz'metɪk] *a*
  - 1) косметический  
cosmetic cream - косметический крем  
cosmetic surgery - косметическая /пластическая/ хирургия
  - 2) внешний; сделанный для вида  
cosmetic repairs - «косметический» ремонт (дома)
3. [kɒz'metɪk] *v редк.*  
применять косметические средства

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**cos-met-ic** [cosmetic cosmetics] **noun, adjective** BrE [kɒz'metɪk] <sup>u</sup> NAmE

[kɑːzɪkɪtɪk]

**noun usually plural**

a substance that you put on your face or body to make it more attractive

- the cosmetics industry
- She found a job selling cosmetics.
- a cosmetic company
- cosmetic products

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (as a noun denoting the art of beautifying the body): from French *cosmétique*, from Greek *kosmētikos*, from *kosmein* 'arrange or adorn', from *kosmos* 'order or adornment'.

Collocations:

**Clothes and fashion**

*Clothes*

- be wearing a new outfit/bright colours/fancy dress/fur/uniform
- be (dressed) in black/red/jeans and a T-shirt/your best suit/leather/silk/rags (= very old torn clothes)
- be dressed for work/school/dinner/a special occasion
- be dressed as a man/woman/clown/pirate
- wear /dress in casual/designer/second-hand clothes
- wear jewellery/(especially US) jewelry/accessories/a watch/glasses/contact lenses/perfume
- have a cowboy hat/red dress/blue suit on
- put on/take off your clothes/coat/shoes/helmet
- pull on/pull off your coat/gloves/socks
- change into/get changed into a pair of jeans/your pyjamas/(especially US) your pajamas

*Appearance*

- change/enhance/improve your appearance
- create/get/have/give sth a new/contemporary/retro look
- brush/comb/shampoo/wash/blow-dry your hair
- have/get a haircut/your hair cut/a new hairstyle
- have/get a piercing/your nose pierced
- have/get a tattoo/a tattoo done (on your arm)/a tattoo removed
- have/get a makeover/cosmetic surgery
- use/wear/apply/put on make-up/cosmetics

*Fashion*

- follow/keep up with (the) fashion/the latest fashions
- spend/waste money on designer clothes
- be fashionably/stylishly/well dressed
- have good/great/terrible/awful taste in clothes
- update/revamp your wardrobe
- be in/come into/go out of fashion
- be (back/very much) in vogue
- create a style/trend/vogue for sth
- organize /put on a fashion show
- show/unveil a designer's spring/summer collection
- sashay/strut down the catwalk/(NAmE also) runway
- be on/do a photo/fashion shoot

Example Bank:

- We're introducing a new line of cosmetics

Derived Word ↑cosmetically

adjective

1. improving only the outside appearance of sth and not its basic character
  - These reforms are not merely cosmetic.
  - She dismissed the plan as a cosmetic exercise to win votes.
2. connected with medical treatment that is intended to improve a person's appearance
  - cosmetic surgery
  - cosmetic dental work

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**cosmet** *lic* /kɒz'metɪk \$ kɑːz/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *adjective*

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Greek; Origin: *kosmetikos* 'skilled in decoration', from *kosmein* 'to arrange, decorate', from *kosmos*; ⇒ ↑cosmos]

1. dealing with the outside appearance rather than the important part of something **SYN superficial**:
  - " We're making a few cosmetic changes to the house before we sell it.
  - " Many MPs denounced the resolution as a *cosmetic exercise* (=something which will look good, but have no real effect).
2. intended to make your hair, skin, body etc look more attractive:
  - " the cosmetic industry
  - " cosmetic products
  - " Are you on the diet for health or cosmetic reasons?

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