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How to Cover Mosquito Bites Like a Pro

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Cover it up. After the green concealer sets (wait a few minutes) gently blend a few dots of a matte, full-coverage concealer over the bite with your fingers, says Dotti. **If regular concealer isn't cutting it, try some [Boo-Boo Cover-Up](#), a superthick concealer infused with soothing vitamin E and aloe that's specifically designed for bugbites.**

If all else fails, there's always this. "Sometimes, I think we should just draw a flower over the bite and turn it into something fun," says Dotti. And truth be told, a little flower power is probably not the worst thing you'll see at festivals this summer.