

The Melanin-Rich Grading LUTS

Professional Skin Tone LUTs for Cinematic Black & Brown Skin

A Personal Note from Sirmee

Color is emotional. And melanin deserves to be treated with intention, not presets.

I created this LUT pack to help you spend less time fighting your footage and more time crafting powerful, professional images.

If this kit improves your workflow or saves you time, please subscribe to the channel. Your support allows me to continue releasing free professional resources for the filmmaking community.

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Installing LUTs in DaVinci Resolve (2026 Workflow)

- 1 Open Project Settings – Click the Gear Icon in the bottom right corner.
- 2 Navigate to Color Management – Select the Color Management tab. Open
- 3 LUT Folder – Scroll to Lookup Tables and click Open LUT Folder. Drag &
- 4 Drop – Copy the Melanin-Rich LUT folder into this directory. Update Lists –
- 5 Return to Resolve and click Update Lists. Apply – Go to the Color Page, open
- 6 the LUTs Browser, and locate the folder.

Using the LUTs in Other Editing Platforms

Adobe Premiere Pro

- Open the Lumetri Color panel.
- Go to the Creative tab.
- Click Browse under 'Look'.
- Select your .cube file.
- Dial Intensity to 70–80% for a natural finish.

Final Cut Pro

- Open the Effects Browser.
- Search for Custom LUT.
- Drag it onto your clip.
- In the Inspector, choose Custom LUT.
- Load your .cube file.

Professional Grading Secrets

1. Exposure First. Always.

Before applying any LUT, adjust exposure or offset and ensure skin sits correctly on your waveform. Bad exposure equals bad LUT results.

2. The 10% Cinematic Secret

For subtle cinematic texture, consider using Dehancer for film grain, halation, and organic highlight roll-off. Use code SIRMEE for 10% OFF.

3. Tag Me

If you grade using these LUTs, tag me. I'd love to see your work and feature the best projects.