Handy Words for Skin Tones

I went looking on the Internet for a list of adjectives to describe skin tones. I was thoroughly defeated. So I put this together, trying to avoid those with the worst connotations (although see note). These aren’t ethnology or sociology terms, but descriptive words. The color splatters aren’t intended as definitive (actual skin is beautifully textured and marbled, with lots of color differentiation) but as sort of bookmarks to get us non-art-students in the right vicinity.

* “I get really tired of seeing African-descended characters described in terms of the goods that drove, and still drive, the slave trade — coffee, chocolate, brown sugar. There’s some weird psychosocial baggage attached to that.”
— N. K. Jemisin