

BEAUTY DISRUPTER AWARDS 2024

They're here! Our editors tested hundreds of launches in skincare, makeup, hair and more to create our annual list of the 50 most innovative, most outstanding beauty products worth your time, money and energy. Social sensations Charlotte Dobre and Darcei Giles embody the splendour

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THE KIT X L'ORÉAL PARIS

SAY GOODBYE TO DARK SPOTS

This buzzy new niacinamide serum from L'Oréal Paris reduces the look of dark spots in just one week



A flawless complexion begins with an even skin tone, which means that tackling unwanted dark spots is key at all ages and life stages. This is why we can't get enough of the Bright Reveal Dark Spot Serum, the innovative new launch from L'Oréal Paris and a winner of The Kit's 2024 Beauty Disrupter Awards. A breakthrough in reducing hyperpigmentation and uneven skin tone, this serum visibly fades the look of stubborn spots in just one week, making it a must-have in every skincare routine.

Dark spots can strike at any time. Caused by age, hormones, sun exposure and acne, they're one of the first signs of aging to appear. As common as this hyperpigmentation is, finding an effective way to reduce their appearance can be a challenge. That's why the experts at L'Oréal Paris have created this formula with the best, scientifically-proven ingredients available to fade the look of dark spots no matter what their origins.

The main active ingredient in this powerful serum is niacinamide, also known as vitamin B3. This dermatologist-recommended ingredient not only brightens the skin, it also fights wrinkles, fine lines, redness, irritation and inflammation for a more even, healthy-looking complexion. Combined with amino sulfonic and antioxidant-rich ferulic acids, this 12 percent blend gently exfoliates the skin to renew surface

cells and reveal brighter skin. Formulated without parabens, mineral oils and dyes, it's safe for sensitive skin types and even enhances the skin barrier function for long-term improvements in skin tone and texture.

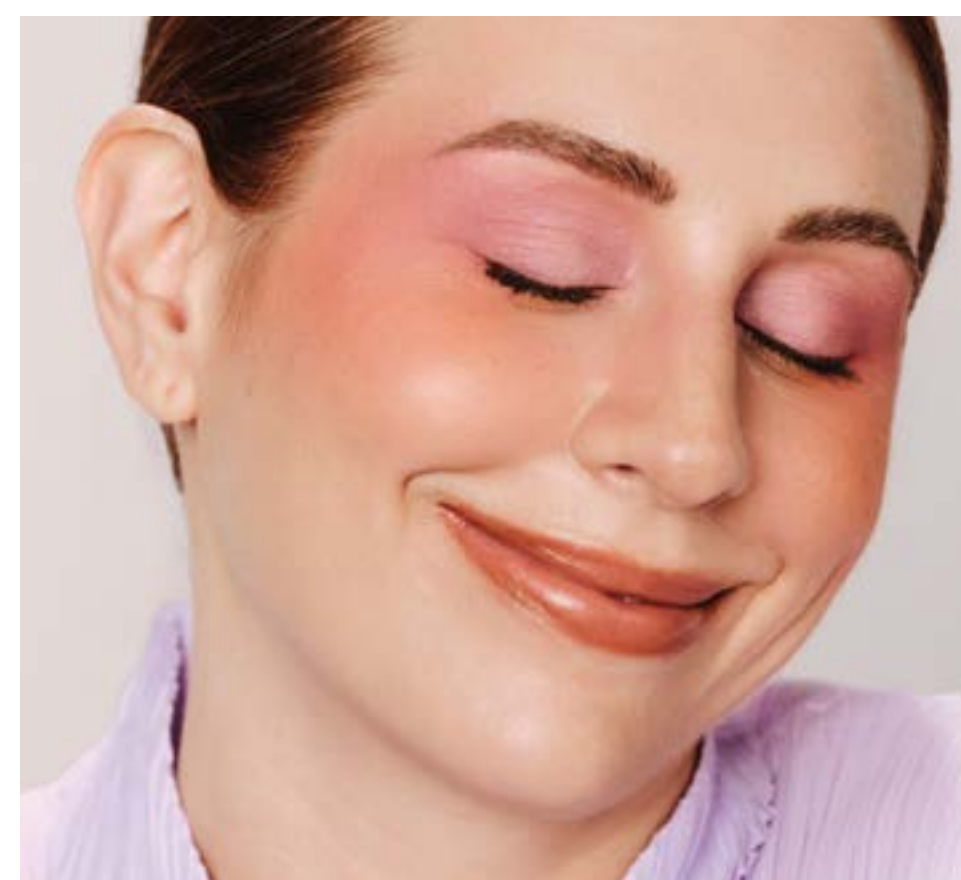
And this serum works fast, visibly reducing the look of stubborn dark spots in one week. In 12 weeks, reduce the look of dark spots by up to 43 percent and post-acne marks by up to 40 percent for a skin tone that's 49 percent more even. And the results only get better, with continuous use resulting in a significant reduction in discoloration, a refined skin texture and more luminosity overall, thanks to some very welcome light-reflecting technology.

With its fast absorption and lightweight texture, this serum is beyond easy to incorporate into your routine, day and night. Simply apply two or three drops to clean, dry skin on the face and neck and follow with your usual moisturizer. You can even apply it to the back of your hands and décolleté, where dark spots often pop up. And don't forget the SPF, like the Revitalift Triple Power LZR Day Lotion with SPF 30 by L'Oréal Paris, which further protects the skin from damage caused by the sun. The results speak for themselves: Try it and watch as your dark spots disappear.

Dark spots? Game over!

BRIGHT REVEAL DARK SPOT SERUM BY L'ORÉAL PARIS, \$47.99, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA

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MAKEUP

Your morning routine is about to be your new favourite part of the day



THE HIT FROM WITHIN FOUNDATION

It's been seven years since Rihanna raised the stakes on foundation with Fenty's then unprecedented 40 shades. (There are now 50.) Finally, she's answering fans' long-time request: a foundation with a radiant finish. Don't expect shimmery mica or an oily glaze—this liquid formula taps fruit and plant extracts for a soft, believable glow. The medium coverage lasts all day without oxidizing, and of course, there's a shade for everyone.

FENTY SOFT'LIT NATURALLY LUMINOUS LONGWEAR FOUNDATION, \$54, SEPHORA.COM



THE BLUSH THAT'S LOOKING OUT FOR US

Louder for the people in the back: Sun exposure causes skin to age faster and raises risk of skin cancer. So why not add extra protection with your makeup? We've long been fans of Nudestix's cream blushes, and this one is our new fave, with its broad-spectrum protection via zinc oxide. Dot from the tube high on each cheekbone, then blend with a brush or fingers.

NUDESTIX NUDESCREEN BLUSH TINT SPF 30 IN STRAWBERRY SUNBURST, \$34, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE TOO-GOOD-TO-BE-TRUE CONCEALER

There's this \$100 concealer we've been obsessed with exclusively for years—until now. For just \$13, this little stick punches way above its weight with super dense pigment that covers up even the angriest spots. And wonder-fully, it's still light enough to blend out over under-eye circles. It's creamy but doesn't sit in creases and comes in 17 skin-matching shades plus six colour correctors.

NYX PRO FIX STICK CORRECTING CONCEALER, \$13, AMAZON.CA



THE ALL-OUT, ULTIMATE LUXURY LIPSTICK

There's just something about a Chanel lipstick, and this one levels up in every aspect. Its glass case took four years to get right; it needed to be sturdy enough to last, because it's refillable—and interchangeable, too. Each bullet comes with a cap, so you can get a single case and swap between the 24 shades. And the dreamy colour does double-duty, with gardenia and passion-fruit oils for firmer, smoother lips after four weeks.

CHANEL 31 LE ROUGE LIPSTICK IN ROUGE PREMIER, \$205, CHANEL.COM



THE GLOW-SO-GOOD SKIN BOOSTER

Hooked on glow? Us too, so meet our favourite enabler: the latest descendant of M.A.C's legendary Strobe Cream. This liquid adds a little more tint and a lot more hydrators, including hyaluronic acid, glycerin, shea butter and squalane. You can wear it solo (light-reflecting pigments help conceal minor spots) or under foundation, but we love it best with just a little concealer on top.

M.A.C STROBE SKIN TINT, \$49, MACCOSMETICS.COM



THE PORE HANDLER FOR YOUR HANDS

It's everything we could want for our pores, in one handy stick. The solid formula's outer ring has microspheres that create a primer-like diffused effect with no pesky pilling, plus skincare ingredients like niacinamide, tea tree oil and bakuchiol. The translucent core tackles oil with charcoal and lentil extract. We like to swipe it across the T-zone and where the cheeks meet the nose. Bonus: It helps makeup stay put.

MILK MAKEUP PORE ECLIPSE MATTE BLUR STICK, \$49, SEPHORA.COM



THE MAJOR PAYOFF TOP COAT

Holy pigment. We love to swipe this liquid shadow all over top lids for mega impact. It dries quickly and then doesn't budge. If liner is more your move, you can use the flat sponge's edge to trace it on. The four sunset-inspired shades, both shimmery and matte options, are designed to be used as blush or highlighter, too—perfect for a monochromatic makeup look.

LANCÔME IDÔLE TINT LIQUID EYE-BLUSHER IN HOT LAVA, \$30, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE FIBRE MASCARA THAT WILL WIN YOU BACK

Fibre mascaras are amazing in theory: Tiny bits of fibre bulk up lashes for max volume. But in reality, they often wind up looking flaky and even a little crazy. Now, Clinique has troubleshot the category. This tube has small black nylon fibres held in place by a gel formula, which means no flaking—say for contact lens wearers—plus argan, coconut and moringa oils for a soft, clump-free fringe.

CLINIQUE HIGH IMPACT HIGH-FI FULL VOLUME MASCARA, \$37, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE THINNEST BROW PENCIL/EVER

To draw believable hair-like strokes along your brows, you need a pencil that's well, hair-thin. This one sets the record with a teeny 0.8-millimetre tip. It took a clever innovation to get it that small without breaking off with every use: a little plastic guard that retracts when pushed against skin. The pigment goes on smoothly and stays in place all day long—even through a workout.

BENEFIT COSMETICS PRECISELY, MY BROW DEFINDER, \$34, SEPHORA.COM



THE WILDLY COMFORTABLE LIP OIL

This might be the most comfortable lip product we've ever slicked on. It's made of 92 per cent natural ingredients, including a moisturizing honey base. Zero per cent sticky, it glides on easily with the chunky doe-foot wand and adds soft colour, a high-shine finish and extremely long-lasting hydration. We've even put it on instead of lip balm before bed—it's that moisturizing.

GUERLAIN KISSKISS BEE GLOW LIP OIL IN ROSE GLOW, \$52, HOLTRENFREW.COM



THE LOADED-UP SERUM FOR YOUR HANDS

Sun exposure, frequent washing, thin skin—we know our hands could use their own skincare routine, but a goopy grip is a non-starter. This hand serum serves up vitamin C for dark spots, hyaluronic acid for plumping and bakuchiol to tackle tone and texture. Its precision nozzle dispenses just the right amount, and it quickly absorbs without any sticky or greasy residue. We're ready for you, dry winter air.

PAUME RENEWING HAND SERUM, \$52, MYPAUME.CA



THE FAUX-GEL TOP COAT

We love that plumped high-shine look of a gel manicure but can't always commit to the salon visits. This drug-store find offers serious gloss and that hint of thickness while extending the life of your paint job. Even our notoriously brittle nails hung on chip-free for about a week. And though it's not marketed as fast-drying, we're able to get back to business within just a couple minutes.

QUO BEAUTY INSTA GEL LONGWEAR PLUMPING TOP COAT, \$15, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE JELLY-YES, WE'RE READY

The sheer nail polish trend isn't going anywhere, and these fun lacquers satisfy all jelly cravings. The wash of colour is extra forgiving for not-so-skilled painters, and the rounded brush makes it easy to get close to the cuticles. You can build it up for more coverage, but we love two coats with our tips peeking through. They're also fun to mix over your fave solids for a custom look.

ESSIE JELLY GLOSS IN ORCHID, \$12, AMAZON.CA



THE HAND CREAM WE FAN GIRL OVER

Pour almost anything into a gorgeous package, and we're likely to love it. But in this case, what's inside deserves the adoration: a luxe hand cream with niacinamide, ashwagandha and peach flower extract. Squirt it out through the stay-on twist cap and massage over the backs of hands for loads of hydration that lasts through handwashing (we like to wipe any excess onto our elbows).

RARE BEAUTY FIND COMFORT HYDRATING HAND CREAM, \$25, SEPHORA.COM



THE PRESS-ON NAILS THAT LAST AND LAST

DIY press-ons, meet salon-level curing. Charmed, we're sure. For a faux mani that lasts up to two weeks, this kit comes with a mini LED lamp, gel adhesive, 30 nails in a wide range of sizes and all the little tools you need. There's a bit of a learning curve, but thoughtful details speed you along, like the motion-activated light and a circle on each nail to show how much glue you need.

KISS SALON X-TEND LED SOFT GEL SYSTEM, \$27, AMAZON.CA



NAILS

"Nailed it!" has never felt more apt

MODELS: CHARLOTTE DOBRE AND DARCEI GILES. MAKEUP: RONNIE TREMBLAY/PTM.CA. HAIR: ASHLEY READINGS/CADRE ARTIST MANAGEMENT. NAILS: RITA REMARK/JESSIE CANADA. STYLING: JACLYN BONAVENTA/CADRE ARTIST MANAGEMENT. CREATIVE DIRECTION: ELENA VILTOVSKAYA. BEAUTY DIRECTION: RANI SHEEN. ART DIRECTION AND WEB DESIGN: BRIANNAH DANIEL



BETTER TOP, \$1.075, ABSOLUTELYFABRICS.COM. COREY MORANIS EARRINGS, \$185, COREYMORANIS.COM

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Meet Charlotte

For actor Charlotte Dobre, making YouTube videos began as a way to pass the time and support herself when auditions dried up during the pandemic... Meet Charlotte: For actor Charlotte Dobre, making YouTube videos began as a way to pass the time and support herself when auditions dried up during the pandemic. First, she worked for another channel, and then her own, @charlottedobre, took off. "I think that everybody was looking for human connection, and my videos feel as if you're kind of hanging out with a friend," she says. Much of her content involves her reacting to buzzy topics, and anything wedding-related—Bridezillas, wedding planning drama, Vegas bachelorettes behaving badly—tends to do well among her 1.9 million subscribers. "It's mostly women that watch me, aged 25 to 35, right around when you would get married or know someone who's getting married." Last month, Dobre, 35, got engaged herself, and yes, she'll be talking about the wedding-planning process. "We're probably going to keep a lot of it private, but there's definitely a lot that I want to involve my audience in when it comes to decision making. Hopefully there's no drama though." Professionally, her goal is acting and onscreen presenting, and she recently produced a pilot from start to finish. Whatever she's doing onscreen she uses as an opportunity to play with fashion and makeup in bright colours and offbeat pairings. "I rarely leave my house, honestly, I'm such a homebody, but when I'm filming, I want to do a full beat, experiment with what I'm wearing. Really just make it fun and colourful." —Rani Sheen

BODY

Watch out, water bill. You'll be making excuses to take extra showers



THE DEODORANT THAT GOES BEYOND (LITERALLY) Shoutout to the heat wave that supported—and quite frankly, necessitated—this no-holds-barred test drive. This deodorant lotion is designed for armpits, yes, but also all the other sweaty spots: underboob, lower back, groin, etc. Its aluminum-free formula packs lactic acid and glycerin and is dermatologist- and gynecologist-approved. The rounded applicator makes rubbing it in easy, and it absorbs quickly for an undetectable feel. DOVE WHOLE BODY DEODORANT, \$18, AMAZON.CA



THE GLIDE-ON GLYCOLIC ACID STICK TikTokers are obsessed with using glycolic acid toner beyond the face—on ingrown hairs, darkened armpits and knees, keratosis pilaris, chapped heels, even as deodorant. And while the results are impressive, a liquid isn't ideal for the task. So The Inkey List put seven per cent glycolic acid—plus salicylic acid and soothing shea—into a convenient stick. We use it nightly and our pits have never looked better. THE INKEY LIST GLYCOLIC ACID EXFOLIATING BODY STICK, \$24, SEPHORA.COM



THE ITCH-STOPPING ECZEMA GEL Mentally and physically, an itchy eczema flare-up can be maddening. For instant relief (and less temptation to scratch), this gel has a subtle cooling effect that kicks in right away. As it absorbs, its two per cent colloidal oatmeal and shea butter get to the root of the problem. We like to keep it on the bedside table for when irritation is stopping us from drifting off to sleep. AVEENO ECZEMA CARE RESCUE RELIEF GEL, \$27, AMAZON.CA



THE ACNE SPRAY FOR OUT-OF-REACH AREAS It's the skincare version of needing someone to zip up the back of your dress: applying acne treatments to back blemishes. This aerosol can solves that. Its nozzle shoots out and up a fine-mist cloud of one per cent salicylic acid, witch hazel and tea tree oil. It's easy to spray at any angle to hit any and all hard-to-reach bumps. DERMALOGICA CLEAR START CLARIFYING BLEMISH SPRAY, \$35, DERMALOGICA.CA



THE CRUSH-WORTHY BODY WASH This one was love at first pump. The sage green bottle makes your shower look instantly chic, and the green, cedarwood scent feels like a borrowed-from-your-boyfriend parfum. But it's not just cool-girl vibes. This body wash's ingredient list—niacinamide, antioxidants, moisture-magnet sodium PCA—reads like a top-notch facial cleanser and leaves skin feeling soft, not stripped. YOUTH TO THE PEOPLE SUPERFOOD + NIACINAMIDE BODY CLEANSER, \$53, SEPHORA.COM



THE DERM-LOVED DRY OIL Dry oils are a French pharmacy staple, giving instant Saint-Tropez vibes with notes of orange blossom and rose, some even adding beachy gold shimmer. This one—made in Provence—puts skin health at the centre. It smooths rough skin with a malic acid ester, then restores suppleness with jojoba oil, ceramides and squalane. It's non-greasy and leaves a subtle sheen—a total treat for just-shaved legs. BIODERMA ATODERM 2-IN-1 OIL, \$34, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE ODDY SATISFYING BODY CREAM This luxe cream feels like a face mask for your body. It goes on ultra-thick, with heady wafts of jasmine and grapefruit. With a little massage, the shea butter and apricot oil quench dry skin, and with extra massage, the naturally derived salicylic acid (from willow tree bark and wintergreen leaves) exfoliates, producing little pills of dead cells that roll away. And the softness lasts into the next day. ORIGINS PLANTFUSION HYDRATING BODY SOFFLE WITH PHYTO-POWERED COMPLEX, \$65, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE ULTIMATE COMEBACK STORY When Bain de Soleil Orange Gelée was discontinued in 2019, tubes of the iconic tanning oil hit eBay for hundreds of dollars, and fans started a petition to bring it back. Enter, nostalgia-loving Vacation Inc. The skincare brand consulted a panel of Orange Gelée devotees to recreate the beloved orange tint, balm-to-oil texture and beachy scent—but now with SPF 30. A happy ending for all, including the 15,000-person waitlist at launch. VACATION INC. ORANGE GELÉE, \$32, VACATIONINC.COM



THE AT-HOME LASER HAIR REMOVAL DEVICE It's hard to believe this exists. An actual at-home laser hair removal device—more powerful than the IPL machines that we've seen so far—and it's no bigger than a travel blow-dryer. The instructions are easy to follow, each session takes minutes and results show up in only four weeks. The downside: Like most in-office lasers, the tech can only target dark hairs on light skin, but we hope for more developments in this space. CURRENTBODY SKIN LASER HAIR REMOVAL DEVICE, \$985, CURRENTBODY.CA



THE LIVES-ON-THE-BEACH SELF-TANNER Be warned: This one's not for newbies. But for tan-hards who have maxed out their depth of colour with other self-tanners, this mousse has St. Tropez's usual DHA, plus ingredients that mimic skin's melanin production and help the tan last. You'll need the application mitt and expert-level blending to get the dark guide colour on smoothly, but the sublime non-orange results (thanks to the violet base) are worth the effort. ST. TROPEZ SELF TAN SUPRÊME VIOLET MOUSSE, \$62, AMAZON.CA

HAIR

In your personal forecast? Very good hair days, every day



THE SPLIT-END FINER Like a Band-Aid for fraying strands, this affordable lotion has been measured to seal up to 88 per cent of split ends. And heat styling actually helps its polymers get the job done (don't worry, it protects from hot tool damage at the same time). We like to run it through towel-dried hair, then blow-dry and flat-iron to yield silky smoothness. TRESEMME KERATIN SMOOTH WEIGHTLESS LEAVE-IN HAIR CONDITIONER, \$10, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE GAME-CHANGING TREATMENT Of all the products we tested this year, this one brought the most whoas. The patented formula has a water-like consistency (though the formula contains none). You work it into sections of damp hair before using hot tools; it's designed for the brand's SteamPod but works with any straightener. The result is astonishing frizz-free softness that lasts up to five washes—even had us stretching our time between haircuts. L'ORÉAL PROFESSIONNEL STEAMPOD ALPHA-SILANE PROFESSIONAL SMOOTHING TREATMENT, \$46, CHATTERS.CA



THE DEMINERALIZING HAIR STRENGTHENER Calcium—great for your bones, bad for your hair. And that's a problem because the water in your shower is loaded with the mineral, which can get deep inside your strands and weaken them. This pre-shampoo treatment contains citric acid to trap and remove calcium deposits and glycine to repair broken bonds. Extra points for ease: Work it into wet hair, wait five minutes, then add shampoo overtop. KÉRASTASE PREMIÈRE CONCENTRÉ DÉCALIFIANT ULTRA-RÉPARATEUR PRÉ-SHAMPOOING TREATMENT, \$89, SEPHORA.COM



THE TREATMENT THAT'S LIGHTNING-FAST Got 10 seconds for stronger, smoother hair? This post-conditioner speed treatment makes it easy to squeeze in, even on the most rushed morning. It combines nourishing avocado and seed oils, smoothing lactic acid and lamellar structures—think of them like little sheets that latch onto damaged spots to form a thin, shine-boosting veil, faster than we can squeeze in an armpit shave. AVEDA BOTANICAL REPAIR BOND-BUILDING FLASH TREATMENT, \$72, AVEDA.CA



THE INTELLIGENT HAIR DRYER We thought we'd never love a hair dryer more than the Dyson Supersonic—then we met the next-gen, next-level Supersonic Nural. It delivers all the speed-drying of the OG, but with new "smart" sensors. Getting close to your scalp? It auto-adjusts the temperature so you don't scorch the delicate skin. Need to put it down? Leave it running and it automatically dials back the heat, flow and noise. Genius. DYSON SUPERSONIC NURAL BLOW-DRYER, \$630, DYSONCANADA.CA



THE HAIR-CON-TURNED BROW PRODUCT Olaplex for your eyebrows? Yes! This tube contains the same bond-repairing molecule that made the hair treatment famous, plus peptides to support growth in just four weeks. It even has an ingredient that promises to slow new greys. We love how easy it is to apply (picture a doe-foot applicator à la lip gloss), the non-crunchy hold, and the fact that brows look less patchy after weeks of diligent use. OLAPLEX BROWBOND BUILDING SERUM, \$92, SEPHORA.COM



THE SERUM ON THE OVERNIGHT SHIFT We're all about a before-bed skincare routine, but our hair gets just a quick brush, at most. Lately though, we've been waking up with ultra-soft ends (and zero greasy residue) thanks to the rice extracts and peptides in this overnight serum—for hair. The results are noticeable after the very first use, and the orange blossom and jasmine scent feels so chic as you hit the pillow. SHU UEMURA ULTIMATE RESET EXTREME REPAIR OVERNIGHT SERUM, \$95, SEPHORA.COM



THE SHAMPOO THAT POWER-CLEANS YOUR SCALP Wash day like Bey? We tested Beyoncé's much-hyped line on both tight curls and loose waves, and this scalp-scrubbing shampoo was an instant fave. Under the sculpture-like lid, a small nozzle lets you apply it right at your roots. Then, the teeny wood-derived exfoliating particles, plus tea tree and fermented willow bark take your scalp to a whole new level of clean. The lingering peppermint scent is a lovely bonus. CÉCREAD CLARIFYING SHAMPOO & SCALP SCRUB, \$53, CÉCREAD.COM



THE NO-FRIZZ, NO-BRASS OIL We're longtime devotees of Moroccan-oil's original treatment, and now there's a version that helps cut brassiness in blonde, white and grey hair. This leave-in contains the brand's signature argan oil and linseed extract, plus violet pigments to counteract orangey hues. Even after the very first use, our highlights already looked brighter (without the ashly tone that purple shampoos sometimes leave behind) and of course, totally frizz-free. MOROCCANOIL TREATMENT PURPLE, \$52, AMAZON.CA



THE DRY SHAMPOO MADE FOR GETTING SWEATY This is brilliant: a dry shampoo with fragrance that reactivates when you sweat. And while we did catch whiffs of the pineapple-y scent between burpees during a workout, we'd love it even without that fancy feature. It instantly absorbs grease, leaves hair feeling soft rather than stiff and powdery and lasts for days without feeling grimy. And the price? "Chef's kiss." BATISTE DRY SHAMPOO 24H ACTIVE, \$12, AMAZON.CA

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JANE/WADE DRESS, \$490, ABSOLUTELYFABRICS.COM. COREY MORANIS BELT, \$375, RING, \$125, COREYMORANIS.COM. LOEWE SHOES, \$1,250, HOLTRENFREW.COM

Meet Darcei

Darcei Giles's YouTube channel, @missdarcei, is the place to go to find out about the latest and greatest Korean skincare and makeup. "I've been into Korean culture for as long as I can remember, watching K-dramas as a kid, listening to K-pop," says Giles, now 32, whose current faves are New Jeans, NCT and Exo. "As I got older, sometimes I would watch Korean makeup YouTubers and be like, 'That's such a pretty look, but it wouldn't work on me.'" There was a trend at the time where people would try out other creators' makeup tutorials, and Giles's series, Black Girl Tries, was born. "I tried different makeup styles that Black people don't usually participate in, for whatever reason. I started getting a lot of messages from Black girls, like, 'Oh my God, I was too afraid to try this thing, I didn't think it would work on me until you did it.' I thought at the beginning it would be like a joke, but it's actually really beautiful." Giles, who honed her product knowledge working at Sephora, has learned how to adapt K-beauty looks for her skin tone. "I discovered, if I want this peachy look, I can't use the same peach that she's using because it won't show up on me. But if I use a darker peach, it'll work the same." Giles first visited Korea in August 2023, and since then she's been five times. "Now I can afford to go. So I'm going a lot." With 3.3 million subscribers, Giles is a bonafide success, but she still focuses on making videos, rather than building her business. "I'm a creative through and through." —R.S.

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FRAGRANCE

Hope you don't mind people leaning in extra close



THE CARRY-ON-FRIENDLY FRAGRANCE

Talk about cute: a flower-embossed pocket-sized tin. Talk about smart: inside, tiny ampoules of travel-ready fragrance. Twist off the tip of one of these capsules (like the kind you sometimes see serum in) and dab the alcohol-free gel made from natural ingredients onto your wrists and neck. The smell is true to the original Daisy and it lasts for hours. Consider us obsessed.

MARC JACOBS DAISY DROPS, \$39, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE SCENT WITH THE UNLIKELIEST ORIGIN STORY

A perfume inspired by a horse's neck? Perfumer Christine Nagel, who was once scared of horses, tapped memories of an equine encounter at the Saut Hermès show-jumping competition, no less, when creating this luxe scent. We get juicy floral at first spritz, then deep and leathery notes that make us think of a stable's tack room. It conveys a lot with just two materials: rose and oud.

HERMÈS HERMESSENCE OUD ALEZAN EAU DE PARFUM, \$388 (100 ML), HERMÈS.COM



THE SMOKY TEA SPRITZ

The spiky bottle (Valentino's signature Rockstuds, of course) and leather cap might play tough, but the notes inside embrace a much softer side. This green eau de parfum—olfactively and literally—blends that freshness with smoky Lapsang Souchong tea and bright jasmine absolute. On the dry down, sweet vanilla leaves a decadent silage. It's an instant good mood at every sniff.

VALENTINO BORN IN ROMA DONNA GREEN STRAVAGANZA EAU DE PARFUM, \$200 (100 ML), THEBAY.COM



THE FIRE-AND-ICE FRAGRANCE

Lavender is one of the most common florals used in men's cologne, but this for-her spritz goes all in with two types of the French bloom (diva lavender and lavandin). The perfumers played with the contrast of cold and hot: a metallic effect from a rarely used white-flowered plant called polygomon, set against a base of warm vanilla sustainably sourced from Madagascar.

YVES SAINT LAURENT LIBRE ABSOLU PLATINE EAU DE PARFUM, \$211 (50 ML), SEPHORA.COM



THE LUXURY CLEAN PERFUME

The "clean beauty" effect on fragrance has been slower. But when Maker—from the husband-wife duo behind Fresh—came to Sephora Canada this year, it scored the retailer's Clean + Planet Aware badge. Each juice is inspired by the couple's Hudson, New York, boutique hotel, and this woody one represents the romantic getaways there. The goal was to have no detectable main note, but careful sniffing reveals jasmine, oud, vetiver and fig.

MAKER LOVER EAU DE PARFUM, \$236, SEPHORA.COM

SKIN



Four words you'll be hearing on repeat: "What's your skin secret?"



THE FILLER-INSPIRED SKIN PLUMPER

With all our gadgets, acids and serums, we're guilty of dermatologist proudest-play—and this pointy tube has us imagining we can inject filler, too. The needle-thin tip targets wrinkles with two forms of hyaluronic acid: a long-lasting cross-linked version and low-molecular-weight one that sinks deeper. And though it's only topical, the formula takes inspo from filler's instant smoothing via film-forming plant polymers.

DIOR CAPTURE TOTALE HYALUSHOT, \$120, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE NIGHTTIME SKIN DE-STRESSER

When your skin needs a 911 call—let's say that chemical peel was a little too spicy—this is the emergency worker you want on the scene. Its yeast extract and probiotic bifidus ferment have proven to cut redness by almost half after just one application, and strengthen skin's barrier within four hours. We massaged it into irritated post-treatment skin and reaped the soothing, restoring rewards. Skin crisis, averted.

ESTÉE LAUDER ADVANCED NIGHT REPAIR RESCUE SOLUTION SERUM, \$74, SEPHORA.COM



THE LONG-LASTING PLUMPING MASK

Consider this a mask for people who just can't wait masks. Non-goopy and no-rinse, it has a refreshing lotion-like feel but with more bouncy benefits. Its two forms of hyaluronic acid promise to help skin stay plump for 13 times longer than standard HA. Parched skin soaks it right up, but you could use a pad to wipe away any excess after 10 minutes.

CLARINS HYDRA-ESSENTIEL CREAM MASK, \$49, CLARINS.CA



THE ULTRA-MARATHONER OF HYDRATION

This shape-shifter feels like a dense cream when you first scoop it, then becomes a fast-absorbing gel once you rub it onto skin. But the more shocking transformation is the way its hyaluronic acid, amino acid and electrolytes immediately turn a dehydrated complexion into glow goals. It's lightweight and fragrance-free, so even sensitive and acne-prone types can benefit from its whopping 72 hours of hydration.

NEUTROGENA HYDRO-BOOST GEL CREAM EXTRA-DRY, \$23, AMAZON.CA



THE MICELLAR WATER WITH AN EXTRA OOMPH

Who doesn't love a micellar water that gently lifts off makeup with no rinsing required? What if it costs less than a happy-hour cocktail? How about if it also packs just enough exfoliants to encourage smoother, glowing skin? This one checks all the boxes with its one per cent blend of glycolic and polyhydroxy acids that's still gentle enough to swipe across your face, and even lids.

GARNIER SKINACTIVE ALL-IN-1 MICELLAR GENTLE PEELING WATER, \$10, WALMART.CA



THE VITAMIN C YOU'LL PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO

Toronto-based cosmetic chemist Stephen Ko became obsessed with formulating a checks-all-the-boxes vitamin C serum. A couple of his musts: potent formula, watery texture and maximum stability. After seven years and 80 iterations, he pulled it off with a multi-valve tube that keeps air out (no traditional preservatives needed). He even added acetyl cysteine, which kickstarts the body's own antioxidant, glutathione.

POEMS FROM THE LAB FUTURE FOCUS VITAMIN C SERUM, \$19, POEMSFRONTHELAB.COM



THE WALLET-FRIENDLY NIACINAMIDE SERUM

Niacinamide, niacinamide, niacinamide—search our inbox for the term and the results may never stop loading. The form of vitamin B3 is a real it-ingredient, promising to fight acne, hyperpigmentation, fine lines and more. This fast-absorbing serum serves a concentrated dose of niacinamide at a drugstore price, along with antioxidant ferulic acid, which you more often see with a three-digit tag.

L'ORÉAL PARIS BRIGHT REVEAL 12% NIACINAMIDE + AMINO SULFONIC ACID + FERULIC ACID DARK SPOT SERUM, \$49, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE SUSTAINABLE SANS COMPROMISE LIP BALM

It's an unfortunate truth for many things in life that eco-friendly options tend to be a bit of a pain (ever try to take an electric car on a long road trip?). Delightfully, this 100 per cent natural-origin lip balm is easy to push up from its paper tube made from 90 per cent recycled paper. It features ultra-soothing shea butter produced in West African communities where more than 8,500 women have trained in cooperative development.

BURT'S BEES SHEA AND COCONUT OIL MOISTURIZING LIP BALM, \$13, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE SOUPED-UP PIMPLE PATCHES

We love a hydrocolloid patch to absorb pimple gunk and help along healing (not to mention block pick-happy fingers). These patches cling tightly to skin while hitting the spot with an anti-inflammatory duo of niacinamide and tea tree oil. They come in two sizes, for pimples large and small, and cost less than a quarter per sticker, so you can pop them on any and all blemishes without a second thought.

INDEEL LABORATORIES IN-PATCH HYDROCOLLOID BLEMISH PATCHES, \$10, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.COM



THE EASY-GOING OIL CLEANSER

Move over, Michael Cera—the real CeraVe star of the year is the brand's first oil cleanser. Picture the lather of the widely loved makeup-and-grime-busting Foaming Facial Cleanser, but with moisturizing squalane to leave skin feeling extra-soft. The formula contains water, too, which is a best-of-both-worlds situation if your skin craves oil but you can't be bothered to double-cleanse the residue away.

CERAVE HYDRATING FOAMING OIL CLEANSER, \$19 (355 ML), WALMART.CA

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