



the hydrator

Hydro Boost Water Gel, \$24.99, Neutrogena, 1800 678 380 Sometimes skin's biggest woe is simply dehydration (parched skin magnifies the signs of ageing) but a thick moisturising cream isn't ideal for warmer temperatures and those with oily or combination skin. Enter Neutrogena's new Hydro Boost Water Gel with SPF 15. The lightweight, serum-like consistency quickly melts into the skin, delivering sun protection and instant (and consistent, thanks to a progressive release of hyaluronic acid and olive extract) hydration. The formula is perfect for layering over a treatment serum.

the gold-standard (reinvented)

Super Facial Serum, \$159, Verso, mecca.com.au

If there were a skincare hall of fame, vitamin A would be the top contender for a lifetime achievement award. Popular for more than four decades, the ingredients, retinol (found in over-the-counter products) and retinoid (prescription strength), are the ultimate multi-taskers; they slough off pigmentation, clear up spots and speed up cell turnover, which softens fine lines. "Vitamin A is still the most important repair mechanism to use at night," says Dr Greg Goodman, associate professor at the Dermatology Institute of Victoria.

as a result developed a bad rap for causing redness, peeling and sensitivity. Luckily, the latest generation of retinols are much kinder - and even more effective. Swedish brand Verso has developed Super Facial Serum, which uses a vitamin-A complex called Retinol 8 to deliver a powerful anti-ageing punch (eight times more powerful than most over-the-counter retinol, they say) by revving up collagen production. Most importantly, it's gentle enough for daily use, even on sensitive skin types.

VERSO But the ingredient didn't always play nice, and

SUPER FACIAL SERUM WITH RETINOL 8



LAYER UP Follow these simple rules to get the most mileage out of your products. Start with a thorough cleanse, then reach for ...

LIQUID

From toners to hydrating fluids or lotions, anything that has a waterlike consistency should be applied first.

SERUM

Don't stop at one they're thin enough to piggyback two or three (just wait a few minutes between each application). Try these targeted formulas:

TO FADE PIGMENTATION

Regenerist Luminous Tone Perfecting Treatment, \$67.99, Olay, olay.com.au

TO BOOST ELASTICITY

Le List Sérum, \$212, Chanel, (02) 9900 2944

TO BRIGHTEN LACKLUSTRE TONE

One Essential Intense Skin Detoxifying Booster Serum, \$145, Dior, (02) 9695 4800

TO SMOOTH ROUGH TEXTURE

futri-Define Superior Retexturising Facial Serum, \$145, Jurlique, jurlique.com.au

CREAM

Provides a protective barrier that locks the serum into skin, making it more effective. It also strengthens the skin's own barrier to prevent trans-epidermal water loss (which causes dryness).

SPF

the genius Ultimune Power Infusing Concentrate, \$125, Shiseido, 1800 225 032

Besides genetics, the biggest contributor to how we age is our environment. Sun,

pollution and free-radical damage take an ugly toll on the skin, while stress and

anxiety only speed up the ageing process.

The good news is that we can control our

environment - and there's a serum to help.

Japanese skincare brand Shiseido

partnered with researchers at Harvard

University to develop its latest elixir,

Ultimune Power Infusing Concentrate,

which contains proven natural actives.

together to create a potent botanic blend

that boosts the skin's natural defences,

aggressors. "Clinical testing proved skin was more radiant after one week, and

stronger, firmer and more resilient, with

Junichi Hosoi of Shiseido Research Center.

moisturising benefits and a soft floral scent

(thanks to collagen-enhancing Bulgarian

rose water), which tempers stress levels

upon inhalation. Now it's just showing off.

fine lines softened, after four," says Dr

The serum also has immediate

helping it become stronger and better

equipped to fight off environmental

Ginkgo biloba leaf extract (an anti-

inflammatory antioxidant), thyme (a powerful antibiotic) and perilla (a mintlike leaf high in omega-3 fatty acids) come

> Sun protection is crucial, particularly when using active products that make skin especially prone to burning.

OIL

Sounds backwards but, as a general rule, oil can penetrate creams but not vice versa Press onto areas that need a little bit more TLC. 🗖











double the love

The five new buys *ELLE's beauty team* could agree upon this month

JANNA JOHNSON O'TOOLE

BEAUTY & FITNESS DIRECTOR Presenting a time-travelling serum (buckle up!).

Woody vetiver and amber mix with subtle gardenia and Bulgarian rose to make this soft, spicy scent as essential to my Saturday night as a glass of Moët.

> This instant bronzing cream will be available for the month of October only. Stock up and keep the natural-looking glow going all summer long.

Fact: an uneven complexion makes you look older than a face of fine lines. So slather on this botanic and peptide blend and watch the clock roll back.

I visited the Jurlique Farm in South Australia last year and met their genius horticulturists who, along with some genius scientists, developed this super-hydrating anti-ageing cream. Make like a genius and try it.

Rough night? Don't fret - this clever liner instantly brightens/ widens/beautifies eyes.

Narciso EDP, \$118 for 50ml, Narciso Rodriguez, (02) 9695 5678

Glam Bronze Eau de Soleil, \$19.95, L'Oréal Paris. 1300 659 359; available October

NARCISO

C-12 Pure Bright Serum, \$133, Dermalogica, dermalogica.com.au

Nutri-Define Rejuvenating Overnight Cream, \$130. Jurlique, jurlique.com.au

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Making Eyes Automatic Gel Eyeliner in Powder Pink, \$27.95, Eyeko, mecca.com.au

BEAUTY & LIFESTYLE ASSOCIATE Draw-on coffee? Yes, it's a thing...

Thanks to musk, amber and cedar, this fragrance is sexier than a Beyoncé tour costume. Expect both men and women to ask what you're wearing.

This clever little lightweight fluid lets you turn your winter foundation into one fit for summer - just blend in a splash as the weather gets warmer.

It's a peptide-packed power serum that fades already-visible pigmentation and helps keep new spots at bay. Double win.

Uber-smoothing and mega-glow-making it's like a sleep-in in a jar.

This perfectly peachy pink is so much better than plain old white for scrawling across your inner rims if you want to look more awake (hot tip: you do). I call it my "caffeine" pencil.

PLUS...

JANNA Wash the day away with this no-fuss, gentle exfoliating scrub. Bonus: it boosts microcirculation for an instant glow.

> Fresh Foaming Scrub, \$11.99, Neutrogena, 1800 678 380



AMY Rich and creamy, it leaves skin smelling like a good dose of crisp ocean spray.

Wood Sage & Sea Salt Body Crème, \$120, Jo Malone, jomalone.com.au

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