

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Melissa Corkhill picks her favourite products



1 BAREFOOT BOTANICALS Rose Fina Anti-Aging Cream, £23.95, barefoot-botanicals.com "I absolutely love this cream for its firming, smoothing, nourishing properties. Packed with therapeutic organic ingredients, the Rosa Fina range at Barefoot has an amazing effect on my skin."

2 ORGANIC BOTANICS Pink Lotus and Jasmine Elixir, £15.95, organicbotanics.com "Everything created by Organic Botanics is incredible but if I had to choose just one item it would be this elixir. It smells heavenly and works a treat at smoothing fine lines and plumping skin."

3 WELEDA Calendula Cream Bath, £7.50, weleda.co.uk "I have always chosen Weleda products for my children because I know that I can trust them. The products are all free from any harmful ingredients and safe for my daughters' skin. This cream bath is a real family favourite."

4 EARTH FRIENDLY BABY Natural Massage Oil, £4.08, healthquest.co.uk "This is a wonderfully gentle product, perfect for a bedtime massage, or for areas of dry skin. Made from just sunflower, sesame and vitamin E oils, combined with shea butter for a nourishing treat."

5 BALANCE ME Rose Otto Bodywash, £12.25, balanceme.co.uk "The bodywash at Balance Me smells like an English country garden in June - it is almost heady with the scent of roses and I love it. It's been lovingly crafted in the UK and a little goes a long way so it lasts for ages."

6 OLEO BODYCARE Nettle and Rosemary Shampoo, £8.50, oleobodycare.co.uk "I love the deep clean feeling that using this shampoo has on my hair. It is made by a UK cottage industry and infused with gorgeous English botanicals such as nettle, rosemary and lavender."

"I choose organic, natural products for the health of my family"

7 LIVE NATIVE Crystal Deodorant, £13.80, livenative.co.uk "Live Native produce an incredible range of raw natural beauty products. I love everything that they make but this deodorant is particularly effective, combining organic and wild harvested ingredients with a subtle rose scent."

8 LIVING NATURE Radiance Night Oil, £44.45, livingnature.co.uk "I discovered facial oils several years ago and have become a real convert. This oil from Living Nature is particularly gorgeous leaving skin feeling rejuvenated and plumped after a night's sleep."

9 SKIN BLOSSOM Handcream, £5.35, skinblossom.co.uk "Moisturising plant oils combine with protective shea butter to soothe hands. I love the smell and nourishing effect of this cream and like to have a tube tucked in my bag and by the bed for a nighttime treat."

10 INLIGHT Ecz-easy cream, £14, inlight-online.co.uk "My daughters and I are prone to small patches of eczema so I was keen to try out this cream by skincare specialists, Inlight. We were thrilled with the result. I also appreciate the advice on the packet that we need to address an internal imbalance."

11 GREEN PEOPLE Organic Children Shampoo, £10.20 greenpeople.co.uk "This is a gentle and effective shampoo from one of my favourite natural ranges. I know I can trust Green People products."

12 DR. HAUSCHKA Rose Day Cream, £23.95, drhauschka.co.uk "I find the rich soothing effects of this moisturiser extremely nourishing. It seems to smooth away fine lines and it also smells totally divine."

13 VITAL TOUCH Sea Salt Scrub, £12, vitaltouch.com "Each of the products at Vital Touch is handblended in Devon and the love that goes into the range is evident. This is incredible; creamy and yet mildly exfoliating at the same time. Gorgeous."

14 MY ONE GREEN BOTTLE Illuminating Serum, £16, myonegreenbottle.co.uk "I have just discovered this range and it's love at first application. This serum smells exotic and exciting and the roller ball action makes for easy application. Skin felt and looked younger. Hurray!"

15 GREEN GROCERY Love Letter Body Balm, £9.99, green-grocery.co.uk "This range is made about 30 miles down the road from our office and the short list of organic ingredients on the body balm is very reassuring. A beautiful luxurious treat for dry skin."

16 HANDMADE NATURALS Jojoba and Olive Conditioner, £7.35, handmadenaturals.co.uk "The smell of this rich nourishing conditioner is divine and each item in the range is guaranteed free from petrochemicals, parabens or synthetic perfume. Ingredients are clearly labeled and it's made in the UK."

17 AKAMUTI Rose and Marshmallow Mask, £7.96, akamuti.co.uk "Akamuti produce a fabulous collection of fairly traded ethical skin and bodycare. This gorgeous softening mask is a perfect weekly treat for facial skin, with anti-aging properties."

SKINCARE

Our testers try out the top natural skincare products from toners to cleansers, moisturisers to facial oils and here are the results

best toner



WINNER TRACEY SMITH

TRIED Organic Botanics Floral Toning Lotion, £10.95, organicbotanics.com.

"Now this really did tick all the boxes for me! A toner should be light, non-stingy, yet clarifying and effective and this was that and more. Made in England with no animal testing credentials too, as one would expect: top marks all round."

Effectiveness 5, Value for Money 5, Packaging 5



HIGHLY COMMENDED

MICHELLE HOGARTH

TRIED Essential Care Rose Petal Tonic, £16, essential-care.co.uk

"I used this product twice a day and found it refreshing and invigorating. The aroma was light and floral and the tonic was easy to apply from the glass pump spray. All the packaging is recyclable. It's effective and I noticed a difference to skin texture. I would use this product again."

Effectiveness 4, Value for Money 5, Packaging 5

best exfoliator



WINNER TESSA STUCKLEY

TRIED Aubrey Organics Rose, Jojoba and Oatmeal Scrub, £9.18, aubreyorganicsuk.co.uk

"This is a wonderful facial product and great value for money too. It goes on easily, does not sting or irritate my sensitive skin and leaves it feeling much softer to the touch. Nice and easy to use too."

Effectiveness 5, Value for Money 5, Packaging 5



HIGHLY COMMENDED

MARY DE ALMEIDA

TRIED Jane Scrivner Facial Grinds, £21.99, janescrivner.com

"The packaging of this product was very stylish. It didn't smell of anything as there are no oils or fragrance in the product, just pure quartz and this initially put me off. However, the grinds rinsed off easily and left fabulously smooth skin! I could see an immediate difference to my skin. This is perfect."

Effectiveness 5, Value for Money 5, Packaging 4

best cleanser



WINNER ZENA FACHERTY

TRIED Inlight Organic face cleanser, £27, inlight-online.co.uk

"I adore this cleanser. Made from only natural butters, oils and plant extracts (no water even) it is so thick you are supplied with a small wooden spatula. It smells wonderful, and is gorgeous to use. Left my skin feeling supple and clean and was really effective. Costs more than I would normally pay for a skin care product but it really is a treat to use."

Effectiveness 5, Value for Money 4, Packaging 5



HIGHLY COMMENDED

EMMA MOSS

TRIED Great ElmWildrose and Soapwort Cleanser, £22.50, great-elm.com

"From the first use I noticed how much clearer my skin was. I battle with dry, irritated skin but using this, I didn't suffer from any dryness or irritation. It smelt lovely and the directions were easy to understand. A great product, which I am already recommending to friends."

Effectiveness 5, Value for Money 4, Packaging 5



HIGHLY COMMENDED

LUCY CORKHILL

TRIED Pure Lochside Organic Orange Cleansing Oil, £15.50, purelochside.com

"This felt like a real treat for my skin. It comes in a woven bag with an organic cotton unbleached face cloth. A few pumps removed all traces of make-up. It left my skin feeling really soft and nourished but wasn't oily - the first time I've ever experienced this with an oil cleanser."

Effectiveness 4, Value for Money 5, Packaging 5

best facial mask



WINNER MELISSA CORKHILL

TRIED Live Native Cacao Mud Mask, £27.75, livenative.co.uk

"This is totally brilliant - really easy to use, works amazingly well and it's 100% raw too. It's so natural that it's safe to eat and you might well be tempted. It smells incredible, like really fine chocolate and it has edible gold leaf in it which is energetically rejuvenating - love it!"

Effectiveness 5, Value for Money 5, Packaging 5



HIGHLY COMMENDED

MARY DE ALMEIDA

TRIED Melvita Purifying Mask, £18, uk.melvita.com

"The packaging of this product was simple and sleek and the product itself was in a handy tube which made applying it very easy. The mask was a lovely smooth texture and glided onto my skin easily. It had a fresh and light fragrance. The results were fantastic. My skin looked positively radiant after using this mask!"

Effectiveness 5, Value for Money 4, Packaging 4



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