



Editors Choice

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Inspecting all of the product submissions for our annual Editors Choice lets me witness firsthand the fruits of

not only the past year of research and development, but the accumulated results of decades in the lab. The products we receive give an accurate picture of where the skincare industry is today and where it's heading in the future. It's exciting to wonder which product will pique which editor's interest, what will work for whom and why.

The rate at which technology speeds along ensures that each year we have a plethora of innovative new products to sample. This year, as always, we've discovered a lot of terrific products, and we'd like to share our experiences with you.

But before you read on, there are some basics we need to make clear:

- This was not a test for efficacy. We are neither equipped nor qualified to conduct clinical trials. When you choose a line for your spa, your first responsibility must be to find one that has proven long-term benefits. Ask suppliers for data and documentation from product efficacy tests.
- We restricted our focus to skincare products, excluding equipment, cosmetics and preparations specifically for hands, feet or hair care.
- We included only products introduced within the past year; there are, of course, many trusted standbys that have earned a permanent position in our skincare arsenal.

Our mission was to look at products the way your clients do when they get them home. What kind of immediate effect does the product impart? Is it easy to use? Does it smell nice? How does it fit into the daily skincare routine of a busy working woman? Is the packaging efficient?

Here are 34 products we chose as favorites, representing roughly 15% of the scores of entries we received.



Editor Linda Lewis is racing through a highly productive fifth decade, which leaves her little time to pamper herself. Fortunately, her skin is both ridiculously normal and not at all sensitive. As a long-time yoga practitioner, balance is her mantra. She doesn't believe in harsh products, dislikes all but the lightest fragrances and is always mindful of using fresh ingredients hygienically. Her goal is to keep her sun-aged skin hydrated, supple and as free of wrinkles as possible—without extreme measures.



Managing editor Inga Hansen spent the first 25 years of her life in New Hampshire, where dry, winter air and summer sun protection were the major concerns for her sensitive, yet relatively normal skin. But now that she's in her early

30s and living in Los Angeles, products that protect against environmental damage and the oncoming signs of aging have joined her skincare regimen. To avoid skin irritation, Inga steers clear of harsh ingredients, particularly when it comes to facial products. And she depends on regular trips to the gym, weekly Pilates classes and lots of long walks with her dogs to help keep her skin clear and healthy from the inside out.



Special projects editor Lisa Randazzo practices a healthy denial in regard to her rapidly disappearing third decade. Age? It's just a number. Since her years seem to announce themselves in aches and pains rather than lines

and wrinkles, her skincare routine remains a preventive gesture. More than one facialist has accused her epidermis of being dry, but otherwise her Mediterranean skin remains relatively normal, helped out by a wholesome diet and regular exercise. A skincare regimen with too many steps is a definite turn-off, so she appreciates straightforward products that require as little fuss as possible.



Contributing editor Amy E. Hamaker leads a trying life—trying to get enough sleep, trying to eat right, trying to fit regular exercise into her daily routine. Her skincare regimen is one thing on which she rarely skimps, however—she loves using masks, scrubs and potions to pamper her combination/oily skin. The challenge is to find products that don't exacerbate her oiliness and that aren't overly harsh, since her skin tone edges toward ruddiness. Fragrance and texture are key—she loves both equally.

TREATMENTS/SERUMS

LIGNE SEVACTIVE VITAMINIC CONCENTRATE PEVONIA

The first time I applied this magical blue liquid was a day or two after having an intense microdermabrasion treatment that left my face drier than it had been for years. My skin absorbed the nongreasy, light textured treatment so greedily you could almost hear a sucking sound! I loved the way the mixture of squalene (vitamins A and D), tocopherol (vitamin E), retinyl palmitate (vitamin A), azulene and mandarin essential oil felt—but was concerned that the small bottle would last for only a few applications. Surprise! I needed less and less of the Concentrate after using it for a few days until, finally, only a few drops from the pretty control-flow glass bottle covered my entire face and neck, leaving it smooth, lustrous and remarkably moisturized.—LWL



VISIBLE LIFTING CONCENTRATE G.M. COLLIN

Since I'm old enough to suffer from puffy, sagging skin, I've become addicted to G.M. Collin Visible Lifting Concentrate. The honey-colored, oil-free gel contains the Chinese herb extract *Bupleurum Chinesis*, coenzyme A and caffeine, which work together to dispel puffiness and give those saggy tissues around my mouth, eyes and chin a visible lift. Although I wasn't able to use the fragrance-free smooth liquid for the recommended 28 days shown to be effective in clinical tests, what I saw in the mirror after only a week was good enough to make me want to keep the pretty glass pump dispenser on my vanity indefinitely.—LWL

SECRETS DE SOTHYS GLOBAL ANTI-AGE DE-STRESSING TREATMENT SOTHYS PARIS

This impressive, high-end treatment inspires confidence just by the way it looks—21 individual plastic tubes, each containing two ultrafresh daily applications, seated in a distinctive, round, white box with rich gold lettering and trim. Reading the contents continues the favorable impression: Active complexes Soya + Nutriskin fight against cellular malnutrition and hormonal deficiency, while TEX-OE, an extract of prickly pear, helps skin activate its own defenses against internal and external stress. A combination of corn germ, soya and olive oils hydrates, while essential oils of marjoram and ylang-ylang relax the psyche. The light, delicately fragrances formula leaves skin feeling smooth and hydrated. The individual treatment tubes make travel carefree—no bulky cosmetic bottles to drag along.—LWL





AGE DEFYER AVANCÉ

Designed as part of the Avance Anti-Aging System, this daily anti-ager is the perfect complement to all kinds of treatments. The lightweight cream smooths over treated skin day and night to protect, balance and maintain moisture. It disappears without a hint of stickiness, leaving behind a light, pleasant fragrance. The attractive blue and white pump dispenser, made of heavy unbreakable plastic, keeps the unused product fresh, looks good on my vanity and travels well. —LWL



PHARMACERIS CAPILARIL K-1% ACTIVE DR. IRENA ERIS

I've been anxious to try a vitamin-K cream since I read research more than a year ago, which indicated that topical vitamin K could diminish the appearance of broken capillaries and dark circles under the eyes. Dr. Irena Eris Pharmaceris Capilaril K-1% Active was the first such product to land on my desk. The two or three broken capillaries I have around my nose can be concealed with camouflage makeup, but I hate wearing heavy make-up all the time. After I used the rich, golden cream for a week or so, my broken capillaries and dark circles could be satisfactorily hidden with only a light foundation. The serviceable plastic pump dispenses just a drop at a time, keeping the rest of the product fresh. Yes! —LWL

REVELATION TYK LAW OF BEAUTY

A bottle full of peptides, this product is one big delivery system with all the high-tech ingredients I want. Normally I'd be scared off by the directions that say to "let absorb for a full five minutes," but I just had to try it. An anti-ager in every sense, it promised to brighten, reduce lines, boost collagen and turn over a bunch of stuff. Who could resist?



The light, creamy serum absorbed immediately, but I waited the full five minutes before applying a moisturizer, to ensure its performance. I loved the way it felt on my skin both alone and with a moisturizer over it. My skin felt moist on the surface, underneath and all the way through—in a light kind of way. Revelation? I call it *Magic*. —LR

TOTAL RENEWAL SERUM CHRISTINA LABORATORIES

I always go for products with some sort of skin brightening ingredients, and I'll admit that I'm a sucker for a serum. Each formula I encounter seems to have its own combination of actives, and I like to try the different cocktails. This one contains melanin-suppressing agents along with regenerative moisturizers, mimetic peptides and some other fancy ingredients developed at the Pasteur Institute. Sounds intimidating, but I tried it anyway. It slid across my skin like silk and continued to feel so nice on my face that I couldn't stop reaching for it every morning and night. After a week or so I realized this product is the real deal: My eye-area skin lightened and the lines around my mouth became less visible. And I did not imagine this—people even commented. —LR



HYALURONIC GEL DR. JEFF

I consider this to be a "booster" product, as it's applied after cleansing and before moisturizing, acting to further help the skin lock in moisture. But it does so much more, and it feels so good—all day long. And when I use it at night, I wake up with my skin still feeling moist, plump and dewy, even though I sleep with my face smashed into the pillow.

Despite a slew of other ingredients such as green tea extract, chamomile, St. John's wort, allantoin and elastin, the gel is perfectly clear so that you can feel all pure and innocent while it works to make you look younger. Now *there's* a recipe for youth. —LR



MULTIPURPOSE SKIN CARE



LIQUID NYLONS COLORLAB

There are some drippingly hot Southern California days when I'd like to toss my nylons in the trash and go bare-legged to work, but I simply don't dare thanks to my less-than-perfect gams. Tinted shimmer lotions have been all the rage over the past few years, but they're one category I haven't tried successfully because they tend to go too far overboard, leaving streaks and making my legs shine so brightly onlookers would need sunglasses to cope. Not only are the tint and shimmer in this product subtle, vitamin E plus calendula, linden, chamomile, cornflower and St. John's wort extracts ensure that it's also highly moisturizing. Bye-bye, nylons.—AEH

DAY BRIGHT SPF 15 DERMALOGICA

Here's a product with all the performance claims I look for in one package—and it actually delivers beyond expectations. I'll admit that the first time I put this on my face I thought it would be the last; it leaves an opalescent sheen that definitely took me aback in that first minute or so. But because it's my job to give every product a fair chance, I left it on. Each time I caught a glimpse of myself in a mirror throughout the day, I became more and more impressed. There's something *to* this opalescent-ness; in fact, far from looking odd, it

made my skin tone appear more even, bright, healthy—*natural*. I definitely dug it. There was nothing weird about it. I looked *good*.

And of course, while all this optical illusion is going on, there are lots of nutritive ingredients doing real, long-term brightening, nourishing and protecting.—LR



WILD TO MILD SOOTHING, SMOOTHING SKIN BRONZER COLORESCIENCE

Now this is a great multipurpose product! It treats the skin with green tea and grape seed extracts, vitamin E and beta carotene—a powerful group of antioxidants. It provides 20 SPF sun protection with zinc titanium dioxide. And it helps cover uneven skin tone! On most days, this skin bronzer is all the foundation I need. It smooths on, moisturizes and provides a matte finish. When the occasion calls for a little more glamour, it's the perfect base for my regular foundation. The jungle-motif pump container won't get lost in your makeup drawer and keeps unused product fresh and uncontaminated.—LVL

BIOTEXTURE20 DAY CREAM SPF 15 DR. COMENGE

I believe that the issue of wearing sun protection is the source of immense angst for most women trying to keep those crow's feet at bay. Finding one that won't irritate is a feat in itself; esthetic expectations are usually dampened by pools of grease that grow by day's end. And those are two major reasons why this combination moisturizer/sunscreen was a delightful find.

The protein-based formula contains micronized zinc oxide, which explains why it applies so smoothly and unassumingly. Other ingredients include magnesium ascorbyl phosphate (vitamin C), vitamin E, and a bunch of botanical and marine extracts. All I know is that I can actually apply makeup afterward without having my face look like a sweaty combat zone, and all those amino acids and dermal peptides keep my face feeling moist all day—but never greasy.—LR





ACTION SUBLIME CREAM SPF 12 COMFORT ZONE

I know, I know, I should be using a moisturizer with an SPF every day. The fact is, I don't or, I should say, I didn't. The truth is most products with an SPF irritate the skin on my face, and I often end up just washing them off and starting over with a non-SPF daily moisturizer. For a while I wondered if it was all in my head. Then I tried Comfort Zone's Action Sublime Cream SPF 12. The jar comes inside a nifty clear plastic case that made me want to put it out on display, and the product promises visible reduction of existing wrinkles and protection against free radicals, UV rays and pollution—perfect for L.A. The cream was light and smooth going on and instantly absorbed into my skin. There was no odor or film that I normally associate with SPF products and my skin felt wonderfully soft and clean all day.—IH



LIQUID MINERALS JANE IREDALE

Generally, I don't like products that change the base color of my skin, making it difficult during those times when my skin tone needs some illusionary help in evening itself out. This stuff is amazing, first because of the simple equation of its action: It hides, smooths—and disappears. Even my husband, who likens coverage application to "spackling," was impressed with the natural finish.

But it gets better. The cosmetic benefits of this product are the bonus. Suspended in a base of aloe vera gel are liposomes filled with some of the hottest ingredients in skin care: Magnesium ascorbyl phosphate, vitamin K, olive squalene, CoQ10, and L-sodium hyaluronate are just a handful of the ingredients in this cocktail that treats and protects skin while making it look terrific.—LR

EYE/LIP TREATMENTS



KAFÉ KARAMEL LIP BALM SKN KAFÉ

"Yummy!" is the best way to describe this light, moisturizing coffee/caramel flavored lip balm. The natural concoction contains jojoba, shea butter, cocoa butter, beeswax and a proprietary blend of organic coffee/green tea extracts, which contain potent antioxidants. Caramel is added for flavor. There's always a lip balm on my bedside table, and this tin of tasty moisturizing ingredients truly contributes to sweet dreams.—LVL

FIRMING & BRIGHTENING EYE COMPLEX WITH EMBLICA LAMAS

Emblica. Now here's an ingredient I've never seen on any other ingredient list—ever. And believe me, I have seen many ingredient lists in my tour of duty here at DAYSPA. So what is it? According to the literature, it's a botanical "lightening miracle" with a history in ayurvedic medicine.

But all that's beside the point. This product is rich and creamy and beige and smells all soft and gentle. Like comfort food for eye-area skin, it's vanilla pudding and flannel pajamas and freshly laundered sheets. Sure it's opaque, but it disappears once it's applied and never feels heavy or greasy. The plumping effect is visible immediately, and after a week or so I definitely noticed a more relaxed orbital contour. Other ingredients? Shea butter, algae extract, palmitoyl pentapeptide-3, titanium dioxide, bisabolol, jojoba esters...—LR



MULTI-TASK EYE OIL BIOELEMENTS

It's true the nifty roll-on applicator bottle has a lot to do with why I love this product so much, but, especially with eye-area skin, method of application plays a huge role in performance. Most importantly, the oil rolls on easily, absorbs quickly and leaves my skin silky. There's no tugging or rubbing product across the under-eye, causing visions of micro-tears to dance in your head during slumber.

The oil is a blend of evening primrose, rose hip, borage, jojoba, Bulgarian rose and rice bran. Yum.—LR



MOISTURIZERS



OIL-FREE HYDRATING FLUID YG LABORATORIES

I've battled oily skin all of my teen and adult life, and it constantly amazes me how many moisturizers meant for oily skin are, well, *oily*. There's nothing more frustrating than carefully cleansing and toning my face to get rid of the shine only to add it back again once I apply a moisturizer. I've shunned these products for years because of this, but the moment I applied this fluid, I knew I had found something different. I've heard the phrase, "Add moisture, not oil," many times before, and I finally understood it as this product's MoistureZomes slipped effortlessly into my skin, delivering much-needed water without leaving behind the shininess I've come to hate. My skin stayed soft and supple all day—*without* the grease, thank you. —AEH



FORCE DE VIE PURE OXYGEN SERUM LUZERN

I'll admit up front that I love oxygen products. I also want to make it clear that, if an oxygen product isn't formulated properly, it's worthless.

It's not a mistake that this "serum" is in the "moisturizer" category; I insisted on this deviation of placement because this luscious serum kept my skin feeling moist and dewy all day—all by itself. But that's likely because oxygen isn't the only ingredient in it: CoQ10, magnesium ascorbyl phosphate (my new favorite form of vitamin C), vitamin K, green tea extract, beta carotene, and a slew of other botanicals are also packed into this magical potion that I never want to be without. The airtight pump dispenser is icing on the cake. —LR



HYDRA DEW NOURISHING GEL/CREAM REPECHAGE

I love this stuff! When my skin became overwhelmed with the harsher treatments it encountered during my months of product testing, this ultralight, soothing gel was the perfect antidote. I used it as an eye cream morning and night and all over my face and neck before bed to soothe and hydrate. The light blue, plastic squeeze tube keeps unused product fresh and travels well. The seaweed-based formula boosts the skin's natural moisture retention; olive, almond and sesame oils help restore the skin's protective lipid layer; and water lily and palmitoyl proline reduce redness and irritation. The fragrance—a combination of several essential oils including osmathus fragrans flower extract and rose—is simply heavenly. —LWL

MOISTURE CREAM FOR DRY/DEVITALIZED SKIN MOOR SPA

Whenever I use a lotion in a cold cream jar I practically have to hold my hand back to prevent myself from just sticking my fingers right in there and contaminating my entire supply of moisturizer. So you can imagine my joy when I discovered that the good people at Moor Spa have created a cold cream container with a nifty twist-top mechanism that, with a quick turn, releases one application of the white, silky lotion while protecting the remainder of the contents. The Moor-based cream contains a wealth of nutrients including the powerful antioxidant combo of vitamins A, C and E, plus avocado and sweet almond oils to rehydrate. The directions say to allow two to four minutes for complete absorption and sure enough, within minutes of application my face had absorbed all those nutrients and all that was left behind was smooth, silky skin. —IH



RELAXING CREAM THALGO

I've always had an inner conflict about night creams. While I love the concept of loading up the dermis with an abundance of reparative and nutritive actives while you sleep, they always end up being so heavy and greasy that my skin is able to tolerate them once or twice a year at best. Not so with Relaxing Cream from Thalgo. This nighttime formula, made with marine actives, is so beautifully balanced that my skin feels light and fresh while getting that regenerative action expected in a night cream. I could see the results the very first time I used it; in the morning my skin looked markedly refreshed and its tone more even. I felt relaxed just looking at my improved skin. —LR

BODY CARE



BIO-FIRM NECK AND DÉCOLLETÉ FIRMING TREATMENT BIO-THERAPEUTIC

The skin on my neck isn't aging well; it definitely needs all the help it can get. That's why I was anxious to try this new product designed to firm the delicate skin of the neck and décolleté. Each box contains five individually foil-wrapped patches, which are permeated with an exclusive botanical formula and antioxidants to tone skin and reduce the appearance of wrinkles and sagging. I did find that it was essential to lie down for the 35- to 40-minute treatment, but it worked to combine it with a facial mask and some soothing music. The beneficial results were obvious and lasted for several days. —LWL



SPEED PEEL & POLISH GEL CELLEX-C

My devotion to this product came after viewing a less-than-flattering photo of myself at an industry event. My face was fine, no complaints about the hair, but I had chosen to wear a short-sleeve top and was horrified to discover that the skin on my elbows appeared two sizes too large! The skin looked gray, dry and thickened. Needless to say, when I got home that night I wasted no time dabbing the pink Speed Peel & Polish Gel onto each of my elbows, let stand for two minutes and then, per the instructions, rolled the product off before it had a chance to dry completely. I hit the shower to remove excess product and immediately noticed a difference. The skin on my elbows felt soft and smooth. After just two days of use, I could again show off my arms with pride! —IH

BROWN SUGAR BODY SCRUB D'ARCY

Do you remember baking cookies when you were little? As that heavenly scent wafted through the air, it immediately dispelled any troubles or worries. The moment I opened the jar, the brown sugar scent brought those memories flooding back, wrapping me in warmth and comfort and reminding me of a time when I could eat those cookies all day long and not consider the consequences. The sugar-based scrub doesn't separate, which means I didn't have to dip my entire hand into the jar to get a homogenous handful of the product, and the mason-style container was easy to open and close with slippery hands in the midst of a long, sweet shower. —AEH

ACNE BODY WASH MURAD

My husband is a professional drummer, which means he sweats a lot—in suits. Perspiration and dry cleaning chemicals make for quite an unfriendly brew when it comes to substances trapped next to your skin for hours at a time. Needless to say, I grabbed this product mostly with him in mind. He liked it! The ease of use was a big plus (it seamlessly incorporates itself into the shower routine), it didn't irritate his sensitive skin, and best of all it delivered results. As for me, I like the pretty soft blue color. —LR



BODY LOTION CARLA'S CONCOCTIONS

Spinning—guided cycling—is my favorite activity by far at the gym, but the older I get, the tougher it is to wind down after the ride. Using aromatherapy has always been one of my favorite ways to take the edge off, so I brought the Lavender Orange Rose Floral Water along with me to apply after my shower. When I first sprayed it on my body, I was a little afraid that the lavender would be overwhelming; while I like lavender, the scent tends to remind me of the soap my mother used to buy. But as the fragrance washed over me, the orange and rose essential oils were definitely apparent, creating a magical blend that left me feeling happy and relaxed. —AEH



SCENTAO SHOWER GEL BABOR

Who doesn't love shower gels? And who wouldn't love this particular shower gel? With a light, invigorating scent and easy-to-grip bottle, Babor Scentao Gel was a pleasure to wake up to during my morning rituals. Part of the Scentao line, the gel features Babor's revitalizing wellness fragrance, an active herbal complex from Asia that promises to nourish your skin and lift your spirits. The product goes on light and rinses clean. Add the attractive, understated packaging and you've got a winner! —IH



CLEANSERS/MASKS/EXFOLIATORS



7-DAY RADIANCE PEEL KIT DOCTOR'S DERMATOLOGIC FORMULA

When it comes to special skincare treatments, I like to feel that I'm using something really different, something that's going to work. So when I flipped open the lid of the DDF 7-Day Radiance Peel Kit and saw an assortment of bottles, pumps and swabs, I was giddy. I pulled out all of the bottles, put them in order of application and got to work! The Kit offers easy-to-follow instructions and options for length of use dependent upon your particular skincare needs. My main concerns were a stubborn acne breakout on my chin and uneven skin tone. To my delight the first component—Radiance Solution— included a compartment of fresh antioxidant vitamins that must be "released" and mixed into the resurfacing solution before application. After five minutes I neutralized the Solution with the Neutralizer Pads, rinsed and applied the overnight Arginine Beta Resurfacing Solution. By the third day of use, the acne on my chin had cleared up, my pores appeared smaller and my skin looked, well, invigorated. Best of all, more than a few co-workers and friends stopped to comment on how wonderful I looked—healthy and glowing were among the adjectives I loved to hear!—IH

CONTROLLING MASK WITH TEA TREE OIL DOCTOR D. SCHWAB

Ahhh—the weekend is finally here, and I'm ready for a little "me" time. I put on my fluffiest robe, toss back my hair, cleanse the makeup from my face and apply a facial mask. This one has quickly become one of my favorites. The product is smooth and cooling—a byproduct of the rosemary, tea tree oil and sage used to control oil, and a treat for my stressed skin. Once I've rinsed it off, my skin is left with that deliciously firm feeling without being a little *too* tight. Plus, my pores appeared smaller the first time I used it, making me almost believe that my oily skin had turned "normal." —AEH



PURE ENZYME SCRUB LA BELLE/FIVE STAR FORMULATORS

This soft, sweet scrub is far more exotic and enticing than anything that's ever come out of my blender. Resisting the urge to pour it into a tumbler and break out the rum, I instead followed the instructions and massaged some into my face. Definitely the right choice: It didn't feel gross, as if I was rubbing my morning smoothie all over my face. Instead, it was refreshing, invigorating and an unexpected aromatherapy experience. Its main ingredients are papain and aloe, which explain its cool island scent and soft feel. —LR



MICRODERMABRASION CREME DERMA PRO

I'll admit it—I'm an exfoliation junkie. Used judiciously, regular exfoliating sweeps away the debris that can so easily clog my pores. The problem is that some scrubs have grains that are too wimpy to actually remove debris, while others have grains that leave my face feeling war-torn instead of wonderful. When I read the word "microdermabrasion" on the label, I thought perhaps this product might fit in the latter category. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that the tiny grains suspended in a rich cream (but not *too* rich) polished my face to perfection!—AEH



CELL RENEWAL POLISH INSTITUT' DERMED

Every once in a while I look in the mirror and decide my face looks dull and tired. What to do? *Exfoliate*, of course, but finding a product that actually leaves you looking noticeably better afterward isn't so simple.

This product is the ticket; it has the texture and the smell to make the process enjoyable (only 30 seconds!), and my skin looked nice and rosy and clean and happy afterward. It felt and looked brand new. The package says it's concocted of jojoba beads, fruit acids and zeolite minerals. The fragrance is subtly sweet, and the consistency is grainy and creamy but not too much of either one—like a hot cereal on a snowy morning, but more like Ralston than oatmeal. —LR



FACIAL CLEANSING CREME ANNA-LISA

I'll admit it, I'm easy. Send me a new facial cleanser and I'll toss aside the one on my counter like yesterday's news. The reason: Most offer wonderful results for the first few days but inevitably disappoint as my sensitive skin becomes, well, sensitive and irritated. The few that don't bother my skin don't seem to offer results, leading to more frequent breakouts. But I might be getting ready to commit. Anna-Lisa Facial Cleansing Creme is recommended for sensitive skin types, and features algae extract and aloe vera gel as well as essential oils of lemongrass, geranium, clary sage, chamomile and violet leaf to rejuvenate and soothe. Within days of use my skin felt soft and smooth. Existing blemishes cleared up, and I experienced no redness or irritation. —IH ♦

