

Beauty notebook Tried and tested: moisturisers

The first in a monthly series: each tester tried at least five products and selected their two favourites – one under and one over £20



Krissy Turner, style assistant • Bioderma Sensibio Rich Soothing Cream, £14.50 for 40ml, escentual.com. This has a lovely thick, creamy consistency that glides on and sinks in quickly. It made my skin brighter, more supple and less red than usual. I would say it is too rich for daily use though. • Clarins Gentle Day Cream for Sensitive Skin, £37 for 50ml, clarins.com. Light in texture, this absorbs easily and has a fresh, plant-like scent. It left my skin looking quite matt so would be good to wear under make-up, but on barefaced days I would top up as its thin consistency wouldn't withstand the weather. My skin looked more even after a week.

Sensitive skin



Problem skin



Sophie de Rosée, fashion features editor • Avène Cleanance Expert, £12 for 40ml, feelunique.com. I'm biased because I'm addicted to anything from a French pharmacy, but this lightweight emulsion soaks in quickly and keeps oil production at bay. Intended for skin with mild to moderate blemishes, it smells delicious and in time reduces redness. • Soveral Moody Skin Balancing Moisturiser, £47 for 50ml, alexandrasoveral.co.uk. All Soveral's products are natural, organic and hand-blended in London, and this delivers on its promise to hydrate, protect and regulate sebum production. The lavender and citrus scent wakes me up as soon as I open the pot.



In all my years of searching, Moody Skin is honestly the best I've found'

Combination/oily skin



'Clinique promises 24 hours of "happier" skin – I second that'



Katy Young, online beauty editor • La Roche-Posay Effaclar Mat Sebo-Regulating Moisturizer, £14 for 40ml, boots.com. With its fresh, lemon-based fragrance, this dry gel doesn't sink in but rather creates a gorgeous matt veil on your face, for a silky, porcelain, finish. It reduces shine, boosts hydration, and its antibacterial ingredients clear up oily skin. • Clinique Moisture Surge Intense Skin Fortifying Hydrator, £34 for 50ml, clinique.co.uk. This is a cooling, quenching, watery gel formula without the usual delayed tightening effect of a gel, and it is gorgeous to use. It sinks in fast for a gel (give it 30 seconds).

Normal skin



Aurelia Donaldson, fashion editor • Salcura Zeoderm Skin Repair Moisturiser, £9.99 for 50ml, salcuraskincare.com. Although Zeoderm is specifically for problem skin, I found it worked well as a daily moisturiser. A tiny amount (all that's needed) of this natural product left my skin really soft and hydrated. • Sisley Paris Ecological Compound, £87.50 for 50ml, sisley-paris.co.uk. I normally find moisturisers thick and suffocating but this is lightweight, rejuvenating and hydrating. It absorbs quickly, making it easy to apply make-up on top, and I actually doubled it up as a night cream as well, to justify the hefty price tag.



'After using Sisley Ecological Compound my skin looked a lot brighter'

Dry skin



'Dr Hauschka is worth the money for all its organic ingredients'



Tamsin Blanchard, fashion features director • Argan + Super Charged Day Cream, £16.99 for 50ml, waitrose.com. Despite the fact this is a very thick cream, it sinks in easily and leaves a matt finish. It has a medicinal scent, but this is not unpleasant and you can also smell the argan oil. It made my skin feel hydrated and smooth – my husband loved it too! • Dr Hauschka Rose Day Cream, £28 for 30ml, 0800 055 6604. The perfect texture – light to medium-weight, and it can be softened in your hands – this smells of roses, so feels calming even before application. It sinks in well and leaves a protective film on the skin's surface.