

GO WITH THE GRAIN

The exfoliator
Winner: NUDE

Dull skin goes nuts for *NUDE Detox Brightening Fizzy Powder Wash*, £38 – a granulated, omega-rich powder that smells like porridge, creates a lot of foamy, lathery excitement when you add water and washes off to leave things spick and span and sparkling. Top marks.

Highly commended: *Omorovicza*

We're obsessed with the gloriously green gunge that is *Omorovicza Refining Facial Polisher*, £65. Not just because it has a most satisfying granule-to-algae ratio. Or because said granules are not in the slightest scratchy. But because it buffs sluggish skin into shape in two minutes flat. Ideal.



NEW LEASE OF LIFE

The mask
Winner: REN

Rammed to the rafters with exfoliating fruit extracts, *REN Glycolactic Radiance Renewal Mask*, £30, has some epic skin-shedding abilities and doesn't leave things feeling at all tight. Just smooth and shiny and spot-free.

Highly commended: *Dr Hauschka*

For something a little gentler, a little more softly-softly, check out *Dr Hauschka Revitalising Mask*, £38, which takes rosacea- or blemish-prone skin and returns it to you in a calmer, more even-toned state.

SKINCARE



OH HAPPY DAY

The day cream

Winner: *Natura Bissé*

Natura Bissé C+C Vitamin Cream, £90, is like a big glass of Berocca for skin: a citrus cocktail of antioxidants that pep up, reboot and hydrate by the bucketful. And how cheery is that orange pot?

Highly commended:

Giorgio Armani

And *Giorgio Armani Crema Nera*, £310, with its pearl-like sheen, is thick and rich and unbelievably decadent. Save for big days.



NIGHT TIME IS THE RIGHT TIME

The night cream
Winner: Kiehl's

We kid you not. *Kiehl's Midnight Recovery Concentrate*, £36, with a jazzy combination of squalane and evening primrose oil, is the only thing that you'll need to take to bed with you ever again. So long, haggard-looking face; hello, younger-looking skin.

Highly commended: *Dior Prestige*

Dior Prestige Le Nectar de Nuit, £300, in its inky-black bottle, runs rings around most night creams. Not only is it made with special, regenerating rose molecules, but it turns even the most dog-tired skin around by morning. We'll take one. No, wait – we'll take three.

GENIE IN A BOTTLE

The serum

Winner: Guerlain

There's something about *Guerlain Abeille Royale Daily Repair Serum*, from £90 – a silky solution swimming with tiny balls of encapsulated royal jelly and other anti-ageing wonders – that just makes skin feel better: smoother, softer and, above all, healthier. Those are some clever, clever bees!

Highly commended: *Tata Harper*

The all-natural, anti-inflammatory *Tata Harper Replenishing Nutrient Complex*, £36, is a serum – but in ROLLERBALL form. Which means that not only is skin happier when it's got it on, but applying the stuff is fabulous fun too.

Highly commended: *Santaverde*

Santaverde Age Protect Boost, £38, comes in tiny glass ampoules that snap open, spilling forth a jelly-like mixture of aloe vera and hyaluronic acid. Just the ticket for skin that's feeling a bit sorry for itself.



EYE, EYE!

The eye cream

Winner: Fresh

An entry-level eye cream, but a good 'un nonetheless. *Fresh Rose Hydrating Eye Gel Cream*, £33, is pleasingly lightweight, cooling and marvellously de-puffing, which makes it excellent arsenal when you're hungover.

Highly commended:

Crème de la Mer

On the flipside, *Crème de la Mer The Illuminating Eye Gel*, £100, is a stonker of a product. Packed with their heroic Miracle Broth formula, it leaves eyes looking tighter and brighter – and crow's feet noticeably lighter.



DON'T SLIP UP

The face oil

Winner: *Amanda Lacey*

Amanda Lacey's Oils of Provence, £98, might be the closest you'll get to a facial with the woman herself. But its soothing, sagey properties, plus its ability to perk up even the most forlorn skin, mean that, actually, that's OK.

Highly commended:

Sunday Riley

And thanks to the lightweight, dry-oil formula of *Sunday Riley Juno Hydroactive Cellular Face Oil*, £98, even shiny faces can get in on the act.

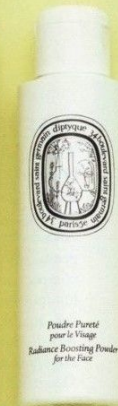


I MUST, I MUST...

The everything-else cream

Winner: *Elizabeth Arden Prevage*

There was the serum, then the eye cream, the cleanser, and the lash serum. And now *Elizabeth Arden* have brought out their *Prevage Anti-ageing Neck and Décolleté Cream*, £85, which uses the same snazzy ingredients to firm up crinkly cleavages. Luckily for us, it's more than lived up to the hype.



THEY'RE WORTH IT

For the baby

Winner: *Bonpoint*

Few things smell better than freshly washed baby, but *Bonpoint Baby Crème Visage*, £51, might just be the exception: scented with neroli, and 96.5 per cent natural. So there.

TAKE OUT SHARES

The does-it-all-range

Winner: *Diptyque*

It has to be *Diptyque*. Because who doesn't love a thick *Multi-Use Exfoliating Clay*, £44, that spreads happily across skin before setting into a pore-purging mask? Or a *Radiance Boosting Powder*, £38, with a little foam ball that works up a marvellous froth and leaves skin gleaming? A deeply cossetting *Nourishing Cleansing Balm*, £44; a rosy-smelling *Infused Facial Water*, £35; and a *Protective Moisturising Lotion*, £44?

Somebody needs to give these people a prize.

Hang on...



NOTHING ELSE COMPARES

The cleanser

Winner:

La Roche-Posay

Sad, sensitive, spot-susceptible skin can become rather partial to *La Roche-Posay Physiologique Cleansing Gel*, £12. That's because it cleans gently, doesn't clog pores, won't aggravate acne – and all the top derms rave about it, too. A bathroom-cupboard staple for when things take a sudden turn for the worse. ▷