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Eye candy

We're going to go ahead and say it: Diamonds are a dime a dozen. What's really satisfying our sweet tooth is an assortment of confectionery-like sparklers. Start by savouring a cluster of dainty rings or reach peak sugar high with a gem-studded cuff. Who's counting carats now? —Jillian Vieira. Photography by Adrian Armstrong.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: JOOMI LIM BRACELET, \$310, JOOMILIM.COM. OSCAR DE LA RENTA NECKLACE, \$750, HOLT RENFREW. POPPY FINCH RINGS, \$350-\$700, POPPYFINCH.COM

TREND ALERT DESIGNER MOOD RINGS

This '90s must-have is all grown up—and who doesn't love a good #tbt revival?

Along with tattoo chokers and acid-wash overalls comes another '90s-kid-staple resurrection: mood rings. The colourful aura translations—passionate, tranquil, imaginative—have remained the same, with a couple of cheeky throwbacks like “melancholic, write in diary” thrown in for good measure. What has grown up is the hardware (see thin, 14-k gold bands and big-name designer construction), elevating this piece from convenience-store bargain to jewellery-box keeper. —Jillian Vieira



ONE TO WATCH POISED FOR A TAKEOVER

Deepika Padukone is finally getting her shot at the Hollywood big screen

BY HINA P. ANSARI

When Deepika Padukone was recently rumoured to be the next Bond Girl, fans lost their minds. Alas, it didn't happen. But after the actor's fierce performance in last year's sweeping period piece *Bajirao Mastani* (not to mention the fact that *Quantico*'s Priyanka Chopra now rules North American TV and just confirmed her role in the upcoming *Baywatch* movie with Dwayne Johnson), it seemed inevitable that Hollywood would snap Padukone up. Clearly projects were already percolating because, just weeks later, Padukone posted an Instagram photo of herself on set coyly looking out from a mysterious embrace. Then Vin Diesel posted a shot of the two from a secret location in Canada, shooting *xx: The Return of Xander Cage*. Cue the Twitter freak-out.



At the GQ Men of the Year Awards.



Far left: Deepika Padukone attends the BIG Star Entertainment Awards 2015 ceremony in Mumbai. Left: On the red carpet earlier this year.

INSTA INSPIRATIONS WHITE HOT

Celebs show the versatile fashion possibilities of the classic shade



@sonamkapoor
Sonam Kapoor slays in head-to-toe Antonio Berardi.



@theanisha
Tamannaah Bhatia is drop-dead gorgeous in Isabel Sanchis.



@aslisona
Sonakshi Sinha channels an eastern couture vibe in Anita Dongre.



@faryalmakhdoom
Faryal Makhdoom works it in cool camo and ripped jeans.



@padmasitaa
Shraddha Kapoor shines in a gorgeous Padmasitaa ensemble.

SPECIAL MENTION



@abujanisandeepkhosla
Beyoncé does Bollywood fusion right, wearing Abu Jani Sandeep Khosla couture. —Hina P. Ansari

STYLE NEWS

- INDIA: Apple in India**
Apple is on track to get clearance from the Indian government to open stores, finally tapping into the country's huge market.
- INDIA: Modelling coup**
New-Delhi-based transgender activist Rudrani Chettri will be setting up the country's first modelling agency for the transgender community.
- SRI LANKA: Apparel apex**
After a whopping 22 per cent increase in the first quarter over last year, the booming Sri Lankan apparel market is projected to hit the US\$6-billion mark this year.
- BANGLADESH: Fashion focus**
For the first time, fashion students from Bangladeshi universities will be able to showcase their designs at the upcoming Fashionim event on March 2 and 3, 2016, in Dhaka.
- PAKISTAN: A model move**
Model Kiran Malik has left Pakistan's runways for the fashion e-commerce venture Style Berri. She's looking to rule this space like she did the catwalk. —Hina P. Ansari



PROFILE

Star power

Freida Pinto talks red carpet highlights, not fitting in with Bollywood and why Kevin Spacey makes her nervous

BY NATASHA BRUNO

Since Freida Pinto catapulted to fame in the 2008 hit *Slumdog Millionaire*, the Mumbai-born-and-raised actor has become an advocate for ethnic diversity in Hollywood. She's been equally influential in the beauty industry, signing on as spokesmodel for L'Oréal Paris in 2009—the brand's second South Asian face after Aishwarya Rai Bachchan. Pinto's next movie project will see her starring alongside Christian Bale and Cate Blanchett in *Jungle Book: Origins*, set in the Indian jungle, but we caught up with her in Montreal, where she was shooting a Canadian commercial for the beauty brand. Note: She's even more articulate—and gorgeous—in real life.



From top: Freida Pinto visits Montreal, 2016; in her all-time favourite look at the Cannes Film Festival, 2013; a delicate detail.

may have worked on one brown-skinned girl may not work for every brown-skinned girl. I now have an East Coast team and a West Coast team and I love them to bits. It's taken me years to find them, and I'm not letting them go."

What have been your biggest skin battles? "Uneven skin tone is something I really suffer from. My mother suffers from hyperpigmentation, so that's something I inherited. It's very much a part of my culture. And with what I do for a living—it's a high-stress life and I'm constantly in different weather conditions when I'm shooting a film—my skin takes a beating and ends up looking very dull."

Does your skincare routine change when you travel back to India? "I definitely use more moisturizer in L.A. than in India because the weather is a little more dry. I'm a moisturizer fiend—I will go looking for the best one for my skin type. In India, I wouldn't moisturize so much, but I would use sunblock: the L'Oréal Paris Hydra-Total 5 Ultra-Even Lotion has SPF, which makes it easier; you don't have to use two products."

If we looked in your clutch now, what would we find? "I always travel with Lucas' Papaw Ointment. It's really great for moisturizing my lips and as an under-eye cream, and it's amazing when, like right now, my cuticles are super dry. If I get a cut or a bruise or a rash, it's also antibacterial."

Who are your beauty icons? "Princess Diana and Audrey Hepburn. They're both beautiful, very well put together, stylish—

everybody knows that. But it's not just their outward beauty. I feel like their humanitarian sides are actually what draws me to both of them. There's just something radiant about the two of them that I think makes them more beautiful."

Who makes you starstruck? "Recently I was in Davos, Switzerland, to give a speech on behalf of the Global Citizen Initiative at the World Economic Forum. I went up to the stage and to my left, right under my nose, was Kevin Spacey. I thought, 'It's President Frank Underwood!' My voice coach would say that the only actor in Hollywood who uses his voice to perfection is Kevin. I was like, 'How am I supposed to give this speech? This is all about me using my voice and he's right there!' You don't know how nervous I was when I started. But it was a really sweet moment because after I finished, he actually came to my table and he said, 'You spoke very well.'"

You've talked about feeling like you don't fit the Bollywood mould. Why is that? "I was referring mostly to the mainstream commercial film industry in India. I was very entertained by it, but when I was younger and playing dress-up, I found myself naturally alluding to independent or parallel cinema, as they call it in India. I don't know why. Maybe it's the difference in the way they tell stories. When I was growing up, there were definitely two very different industries. That line is becoming blurred in India right now, which is great."



L'ORÉAL PARIS HYDRA-TOTAL 5 ULTRA-EVEN LOTION SPF 20, \$15. DRUGSTORES. LUCAS' PAPA W OINTMENT, \$17. BEAUTYLISH.COM

TEST DRIVE

Adventures in lipstick

Spring's hottest lip colours—blue, green, gold—demand serious beauty bravery. *Anne T. Donahue* tastes the rainbow

For a long time, my beauty look was largely based on whatever I thought boys would like. After trying a beauty trend, I'd look back on it with embarrassment, like when a generically cool skater boy named Andrew looked into my pastel-blue-shadowed eyes and announced, "You're wearing a *lot* of makeup." Eventually, I settled into a cherry-lipped norm I knew men universally liked—at least according to the movies. But by last fall I realized I was bored. So bored. My makeup didn't make me feel the way I wanted to feel, which was as if I could walk into any room, point to any guy and say, "You! You're lucky to be speaking to me." In fact, my makeup

matched my approach to dating in general: I was repeating the same behaviour while expecting different results. Maybe it was because I'd just turned 30, but I also realized I simply cared less about what everyone else thought I looked like.

"I started to imagine myself as the type of woman who bought lipstick bravely."

This slow-dawning epiphany coincided with a wave of unorthodox lip colours popping up all over the place. On Prada's Spring 2016 runway, gold-lipped models rocked precious metals without looking precious. Rihanna made grey, green and blue lipstick look like staples everywhere she went, and Missy Elliott epitomized total badassery in her "WTF" video wearing a black lip with a stripe of aqua. When Pantone announced its 2016 colours of the year, the sky blue Serenity lipstick in Sephora's accompanying collection seemed more cool than crazy, and the deep mocha True Brown K shade of Kylie Jenner's insanely coveted Lip Kits looked like an appealing throwback to my dark-and-dramatic '99.

So I started to imagine myself as the type of woman who bought lipstick bravely, caring less about looking "kissable" and more about how I felt wearing it. I picked up shades of green, blue, grey, black, purple, gold and bronze. I wore each without apology and like I meant business. And, friends, I did. For a house party, I matched emerald lips to a green-beaded vintage necklace—not the most approachable beauty look, to be sure, but, among the single dudes, I felt straight-up un-f-k-with-able. Some steered away and tried

not to stare, while others remarked on how cool they thought I looked.

"I know," I answered, seriously. "I look amazing." This got a few laughs—like I was kidding—and a couple of impressed nods. I joked with a guy I'd had a crush on years ago about making out in the garage (because I do what I want) and didn't immediately follow it up with a nervous laugh. Unfortunately he ended up getting too drunk, and the dream of seeing my green lipstick on another person's mouth was dashed.

Next I chose navy, the same night Lupita Nyong'o wore a metallic blue lip to the *Star Wars* premiere. I felt powerful and confident—like both Nyong'o and her character, Maz Kanata—knowing my makeup was for me, and me alone. Although it didn't hurt when my (very cute) server casually remarked, "Cool lipstick."

With every green, gold, purple and Pantone-blue lip, I shared my photos to Instagram so I could document this new lipstick identity—the type of person who just wears the damn things. But, as it turned out, what I'd created wasn't a persona. I felt like *me*, like the adult my teen self would have wanted to grow into: a person whose risks aren't measured in makeup, and who doesn't factor male approval into what she wears. I'm no longer someone who "dares" to try a lip trend, I'm someone who wears what makes her feel powerful because I'm a grown-ass woman.

Now somebody call Lupita Nyong'o and see if she felt the same way.



Going for gold at Prada Spring 2016.

HOT LIPS

Clockwise from top: Rihanna, Jennifer Lawrence, Kylie Jenner, Lupita Nyong'o and on the Tanieya Khanuja runway.



Shades of the season



FROM LEFT: SMASHBOX BE LEGENDARY LIPSTICK IN PUNKED, \$23, SHOPPERS DRUG MART. M.A.C LIPSTICK IN MATTE ROYAL, \$20, MACCOSMETICS.CA. SEPHORA + PANTONE UNIVERSE MATTE LIPSTICK IN SERENITY, \$23, SEPHORA. KAT VON D STUDDIED KISS LIPSTICK IN PLAN 9, \$26, SEPHORA.CA. NYX WICKED LIPPIE IN MISCHIEVOUS, \$8, NYXCOSMETICS.CA. TOO FACED MELTED CHOCOLATE LIQUIFIED LIPSTICK IN CHOCOLATE CHERRIES, \$31, TOOFACED.COM

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ONE MINUTE MIRACLE SPECIAL

Best in class

The super-achieving beauty wonders that stopped our editors in their tracks this past year

ILLUSTRATIONS BY ANA CASTRO

MORNING RUSH

When you've pressed snooze one too many times, there's no room for grooming errors. Here's our pick of multi-tasking time savers that take the stress out of getting ready

1. Wash
Dear Fast Shampoo: Like my best friends, you really showed up for me on my wedding day! With two months to go, I was craving extra length and fullness. Then you entered the picture. You take seconds to lather, but after using you for one month, even my hairdresser commented on my new growth. Your vitamin-B-and-amino-acid-infused formula (which supports the anagen or growth phase of the hair cycle) ensured my bob was the perfect length when I said I do, and I even had to stop using you afterwards, as my hair was growing too quickly. *Forever indebted, Michelle Bilodeau*

FAST SHAMPOO, \$20, NISIMINC.CA

2. Style
Dear Bumble and bumble Don't Blow It: My hair dryer lives a pretty easy life, called upon on the rare occasion when I'm racing to leave the house. I usually stick to an air-dry-only policy, both to minimize damage and to allow my natural wave pattern to emerge. You, a glossy cream made with bounce-enhancing polymers

and conditioning prickly pear and cactus flower extracts, are designed for me. Raked through damp hair, you lessen frizz, allowing my waves to be their best selves—and leaving my hair dryer with even less to do. *My best, Rani Sheen*

BUMBLE AND BUMBLE DON'T BLOW IT, \$36, SEPHORA.CA

3. Moisturize
Dear Laura Mercier Infusion de Rose Nourishing Oil: They call you a lightweight, but your deeply hydrating benefits are a saviour for dry skin. Every morning, I apply you for a healthy glow and to enjoy the floral scent. With your fast-absorbing formula, you restore moisture to my cuticles and lips and tame my flyaways. A rose by any other name just won't cut it. *Yours, Carly Ostroff*

LAURA MERCIER INFUSION DE ROSE NOURISHING OIL, \$82, HOLT RENFREW

4. Glowify
Dear Body Shop Vitamin C Glow Boosting Moisturiser: Orange, who?

I'm all about camu camu now (the Amazonian berry you're made with, which has up to 60 times more antioxidant vitamin C than the citrus fruit). My skin soaks up your light, springy moisturizer, which promises to get me glowing and prevent free-radical damage as the sun starts showing its face. After slathering you on in the morning, I've been heading out the door barefaced, my skin all plump and dewy-looking. I've been relying on OJ during the winter to stave off colds, but

you're my skin's juicy fruit of choice. *Cheers, Veronica Saroli*

THE BODY SHOP VITAMIN C GLOW BOOSTING MOISTURISER, \$25, THEBODYSHOP.CA

5. Protect
Dear SkinCeuticals Physical Eye UV Defense: I didn't realize how much I was neglecting the delicate skin around my eyes until I met you. I'm not given to applying my daily sunscreen right up to my lash lines, yet the adjacent area is ground zero in my wrinkle-prevention efforts, and if there's one thing dermatologists have drilled into me, it's that UVA rays will speed up that crease-ification no end. Your mineral broad-spectrum SPF 50 formula is tinted, so it disguises faint circles, and you come in a silicone base similar to most makeup primers, so you stay put while illuminator and concealer glide on overtop. In a pinch, you also top up the protection on my nose. *Thanks for keeping me covered, Rani Sheen*

SKINCEUTICALS PHYSICAL EYE UV DEFENSE SUNSCREEN BROAD SPECTRUM SPF 50, \$37, SKINCEUTICALS.CA

6. Nourish
Dear Jergens BB Hand Perfecting Hand Cream with Sunscreen: I've long been warned that my hands will show my age more than my face will. While I always massage any leftover serums into my mitts after applying my skincare, hand creams were about instant fragrant gratification.



You, on the other hand (ha), provide longer-term protection from age spots with your SPF 20, as well as serum-worthy levels of skin-smoothing vitamins C and B3. *Hand on my heart, Alex Larus*

JERGENS BB HAND PERFECTING HAND CREAM WITH SUNSCREEN, \$7, SHOPPERS DRUG MART

7. Lacquer
Dear Hard Candy Lash Ink 4 Day Lash Stain: At first, your promise of four-day wear gave me pause (I often use two types of mascara per application, so I happen to be a bit of a lash

connoisseur). But now you've put my mind at ease. You've taken my lashes to new lengths and you've also proven your stay-put power, lasting through sleeping, a 5K run in the rain and multiple face washes—a few tiny flakes under my eyes were the only sign that you weren't freshly applied. Not only do you save me time in the morning (and nourish my lashes with aloe and vitamin B5), but I can say I really did wake up like this, lashes perfectly defined, five days in a row. *Your doe-eyed friend, Michelle Bilodeau*

HARD CANDY LASH INK 4 DAY LASH STAIN IN INK BLACK, \$8, WALMART.CA

New miracle workers on the block

Complexion perfector
Packed with antioxidants and brightening diamond dust, this creamy powder base won't settle into pores and fine lines.

JAY MANUEL POWDER TO CREAM FOUNDATION, \$38, THESHOPPINGCHANNEL.COM

Faux lip filler
Plump lips without resorting to the needle. This clear gloss has blood-flow-boosting menthol and peptides that stimulate for a fuller look.

NO THIN LIPS, \$18, SHOPPERS DRUG MART

Blush rush
For freshly flushed cheeks that pop, try this hydrating gel blush, which delivers buildable, comfy colour that stays put all day long.

YSL FUSION INK BLUSH, \$40, HOLT RENFREW

Hair tamer
A little of this flexible hairspray provides non-crispy hold without drying out strands, even on very damaged hair.

PANTENE PRO-V AIR SPRAY ALCOHOL FREE HAIRSPRAY, \$6, DRUGSTORES

Power primer
Blur blemishes, block UV rays and mattify skin with this super-lightweight, foundation-extending formula.

RIMMEL LONDON FIX & PROTECT MAKEUP PRIMER, \$11, DRUGSTORES



ME TIME

Sunday evenings were made for at-home pampering in your PJs while catching up on spoiler-alert-prone TV. Make it count with treatments that work hard to get you ready for the week ahead



1. Massage
Dear MV Organic Skincare Gentle Cream Cleanser: I've never used a cleanser so thick and creamy, but you've left all my gels, oils and foams in the dust. Your rich blend of camellia, olive, coconut and honeysuckle oils leaves my skin feeling cleaner and smoother than ever before. I massage you onto dry skin, wet a face cloth or a muslin cloth to use as a hot compress four times, then wipe every speck of makeup, oil and debris into your unctuous embrace. *Lovingly, Rani Sheen*

MV ORGANIC SKINCARE GENTLE CREAM CLEANSER, \$58, THEDETOX.MARKET.CA



2. Peel
Dear Philosophy Microdelivery Overnight Anti-Aging Peel: I want to thank you for smoothing some things out for me. At first, I was leery of the word "peel," but your two-step system couples glycolic and lactic acids in a formula that's gentle enough to leave on all night. Your soothing jelly-like mask sits comfortably on top, locking in the active ingredients and calming skin with oats and bisabolol (a chamomile extract). The results are certainly nothing to fear. After one use I woke up to my fine lines looking less visible and a glowy sheen on my skin. Let's just

say I can already see the a-peel. *Gratefully, Alex Laws*

PHILOSOPHY MICRODELIVERY OVERNIGHT ANTI-AGING PEEL, \$103, SEPHORA.CA



3. Depuff
Dear Peter Thomas Roth Cucumber De-Tox De-Puffing Eye-Cubes: They say the only thing cooler than cool is ice cold—and you're it. Once your pod of green liquid is frozen, your blend of soothing cucumber and energizing caffeine and green tea makes the perfect remedy for tired eyes. You refresh and reduce dark circles, and that's what I want to wake up to. *Thanks, Carly Ostroff*

PETER THOMAS ROTH CUCUMBER DE-TOX DE-PUFFING EYE-CUBES, \$62, SEPHORA.CA



4. Smooth
Dear Skin Republic Foot Active 20 Minute Treatment: Your serum-saturated mask booties—packed with 18 plant extracts, including peppermint leaf, argan oil and salicylic acid—soothe tiny tired muscles and slough off hard, dry skin all at once. After a long run, or just a long day, you really go the extra mile to leave my feet smooth and soft. *With my best foot forward, Michelle Bilodeau*

SKIN REPUBLIC FOOT ACTIVE 20 MINUTE TREATMENT, \$9, DRUGSTORES



5. Trim
Dear Philips BikiniGenie: From time to time, between waxing appointments, one may notice the need for trimming. Scissors seem too risky, and while scouring the bathroom for a suitable shearing device, one may be tempted to settle for one's boyfriend's beard trimmer. Until now: You're lightweight, easy to

clean and impossible to cause injury with. Best of all, you eliminate the risk of accidental bald patches. Everyone's a winner. *Forever yours, Alex Laws*

PHILIPS BIKINGENIE BIKINI TRIMMER, \$20, SHOPPERS DRUG MART



6. Hydrate
Dear Indeed Labs Hydraluron Moisture Boosting Mask: First, I have to tell you that my skin has been dehydrated for so long that I've become accustomed to facialists sighing and saying, "Oh, *honey*." To say that I needed you is like saying that peanut butter feels somewhat warm toward jelly. Last Sunday, you and I spent a special 15 minutes together catching up on *The Affair* while your hyaluronic-acid-packed sheet mask plumped up my skin. I went to sleep looking and feeling like a grain-fed socialite. So: next Sunday, my place? I'll make popcorn. *Love, Laura deCarufel*

INDEED LABS HYDRALURON MOISTURE BOOSTINGMASK, \$20, SHOPPERS DRUG MART



7. Zzzzzzz
Dear Circadia The Pillowcase: You deserve your somewhat self-important title. You look like a simple piece of snow-white bed linen, but your 20,000-microfilament-thread-count micro-nylon fabric was actually designed by a skin-science researcher. Unlike regular cotton, which can absorb water, your high-tech cloth helps skin retain moisture overnight, which means I wake up more apple-cheeked than usual; my serum works better; and sleep creases on my face are a thing of the past. Sweeter dreams are made of this. *Night, night, Rani Sheen*

CIRCADIA THE PILLOWCASE, \$60, W SKINCARE, WSKINCARE.CA

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Mood booster
No need for a chill pill. Relax by massaging this blend of sweet orange, white grapefruit and mandarin essential oils onto neck, throat and upper chest.

INTELLIGENT NUTRI-ENTS INNERCALM, \$85, MURALE.CA

Split-end mender
Recover and seal broken hair fibres with this treatment infused with red algae and keratin for strands that are frizz-free and glossy all the way to the ends.

DOVE REGENERATIVE NOURISHMENT SERUM-IN-OIL, \$12, DRUGSTORES

Mane saviour
Swap out your shampoo and conditioner once a week for this cleansing treatment infused with papaya, pineapple and green pea to gently restore moisture.

KEVIN MURPHY RE STORE ME CLEANSING TREATMENT, \$43, SALONS

Blonde booster
This purple-toned leave-in spray conditioner neutralizes unwanted brassy, yellow tinges and restores white undertones.

SCHWARZKOPF BLONDME COLOR CORRECTION SPRAY CONDITIONER COOL ICE, \$17, SALONS

Hard-core topcoat
A mani that chips after a day or two is a waste of time. Seal your polish for up to a week with this high-shine topcoat that has self-levelling properties, for a smooth finish.

QUO BY ORLY COLOR AMP'D FLEXIBLE SEALCOAT, \$11, DRUGSTORES

PARTY PREP

Putting a little extra effort into your look for a night out requires a glass of wine, Beyoncé on the speakers and these beauty rock stars



1. Cleanse
Dear Guerlain Mousse de Beauté Gentle Foam Wash: You've transformed the mundane task of washing my face into an invigorating sensory experience. Your nigella-flower-oil-enriched foam feels like a plush pillow; you're antioxidant and anti-inflammatory; and your white tea, musk and jasmine scent is soothing, not overpowering. You cleanse deeply without leaving my face feeling dry and taut. And, when I pair you with my trusty Clarisonic, it's a match made in glowy-skin heaven. *Love always, Natasha Bruno*

GUERLAIN MOUSSE DE BEAUTÉ GENTLE FOAM WASH, \$60, GUERLAIN



2. Polish
Dear Pai Kukui & Jojoba Bead Skin Brightening Exfoliator: Call it what you want—sensitive, reactive, irritable—but one thing's for sure: My odd-couple combination skin can be unpredictable and downright moody. So I'm particularly cautious with my skincare, especially when it comes to abrasive scrubs. But you, dear Pai, couldn't be less abrasive. Your silky round jojoba beads are wrapped in an oil-enriched gel that gently rolls over my skin as it sloughs away dead cells and debris. Plus, you're totally packed with fatty acids and vitamins to help lock in much-needed moisture. Major brownie points for being free of parabens, artificial fragrances, alcohol and detergents. *Forever indebted, Natasha Bruno*

PAI SKINCARE KUKUI & JOJOBA BEAD SKIN BRIGHTENING EXFOLIATOR, \$61, PAISKINCARE.COM



3. Drench
Dear Nivea In-Shower Body Lotion: It's an epic battle between skin and the Arctic freeze (or whatever's to blame for the hell nature doth wring during Canadian winters). Skin. Must. Prevail. You: You are the red wine to my Cersei Lannister, the direwolf to my Jon Snow. Which is to say that you are my best weapon in the war against dry legs. I mean, who'd have thought: a wash-off, in-shower body lotion? Your name lacks flash, yet you succeed where many others fail, giving me smooth, hydrated skin for a full 24 hours. *Loyally, Christine Loureiro*

NIVEA IN-SHOWER BODY LOTION, \$8, DRUGSTORES



4. Plump
Dear Stila Lush Lips Water Plumping Primer: You're just what my parched lips have been seeking. My favourite

matte, high-pigment red lipstick tends to dry them out. A swipe of your moisturizing, peptide-packed formula allows for an even coat of lipstick, and your colour-neutralizing pigments make the crimson really pop. *Sincerely, Veronica Saroli*

STILA LUSH LIPS WATER PLUMPING PRIMER, \$27, MURALE.CA



5. Stash
Dear Hot Iron Holster: At first I was worried you might be a stage-5 clinger, another addition cluttering up my life. But I was wrong to judge you so quickly. You've changed the way I store my hot tools. While I get ready with my straightener and wand, your heat-resistant silicone holder magically sticks to my vanity and keeps the tools safely stored until they're cool enough to go back in the drawer. You've got a hold on me. *All yours, Carly Ostroff*

HOLSTER HOT IRON HOLSTER DELUXE, \$30, HOTIRONHOLSTER.COM



6. Bat
Dear CoverGirl the Super Sizer by LashBlast Mascara: I should mention that I'm quite faithful to your partner product, Lash Blast—we're

kind of in a long-term relationship. On a whim, I succumbed to the charms of your turquoise tube and promise of 400 per cent more volume(!), and while I'd like to say it meant nothing, that's just not true. Your moulded-plastic wand provides the same smooth, clump-free application and your formula is just as inky and non-flaky, but your slightly angled shape means that you tend to my tiny inner lashes even more attentively. The effect is decidedly more dramatic—more evening affair than weekend brunch—so I think the three of us will just have to enter into a polygamous relationship. Deal? *Kisses, Rani Sheen*

COVERGIRL THE SUPER SIZER BY LASH BLAST MASCARA, \$10, DRUGSTORES

New miracle workers on the block



Texture shifter
Double your lipstick arsenal with this non-chalky clear gel, which instantly gives any creamy lipstick a velvety-matte finish when dabbed overtop.

SMASHBOX INSTA-MATTE LIPSTICK TRANSFORMER, \$26, SEPHORA.CA



Brow shaper
These chubby pomade sticks give you full-looking brows in a flash with waterproof semi-sheer colour, and the waxy texture keeps hairs in place.

MAYBELLINE BROW DRAMA POMADE CRAYON, \$12, DRUGSTORES



Brilliant base tool
Harsh foundation lines, be gone! This brush has a teardrop shape and soft, densely packed bristles to mimic a makeup sponge for a streak-free finish.

SEPHORA COLLECTION PRO PRESS FULL COVERAGE COMPLEXION BRUSH, \$45, SEPHORA.CA



Body builder
Crank up flat, dull-looking hair by applying a few pumps of this shine-and-volume-enhancing serum to damp hair before styling.

STRIVECTIN HAIR MAX VOLUME BODIFYING RADIANCE SERUM, \$35, DRUGSTORES



Glow maker
You may look like Iron Man while wearing this foil-backed sheet mask, but its superhero hydrating serum will soak in so well that your skin will feel like silk.

ESTÉE LAUDER ADVANCED NIGHT REPAIR POWERFOIL MASK, \$88, HUDSON'S BAY

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GIORGIO ARMANI
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