ACNE TREATMENT

98. Mario Badescu Drying Lotion
This potent pink cream strikes out both minor- and major-league zits with colloidal sulfur and salicylic acid, and prevents new ones from forming. All in all, "it works wonders," says Boston plastic surgeon Ramsey Alsarraf. $17; mariobadescu.com.

MOISTURIZER WITH SPF

95. Elta MD UV Clear Broad-Spectrum SPF 46
A humble overachiever, this broad-spectrum lotion "disappears into skin," says New Orleans dermatologist Mary Lupo. It blocks both UVA and UVB rays and is loaded with extras: hyaluronic acid to plump up fine lines and niacinamide to build the skin's barrier, which "helps calm irritation from breakouts, so it's good for acne patients," says Birmingham, Ala., dermatologist Gary Monheit. $39; eltamd.com for stores.

Toner

94. Clinique Clarifying Lotion
Full of salicylic and hyaluronic acids, plus glycerin, this tricked-out toner acts more like a gentle exfoliator that "makes skin feel smooth and refreshed," says N.Y.C. dermatologist Jeffrey Weinberg. $13; clinique.com.

96. Skinceuticals Renew Overnight
Good things come to those who wait—or those who apply this before bed. Five kinds of hydroxy acids slough dead skin, orange oil unplugs pores, and a blend of botanicals goes to work on fine lines. Of course it doesn't hurt that "it smells good enough to eat," says N.Y.C. dermatologist Debra Jaliman. $48; skinceuticals.com.

Editors' Pick

97. Bliss Pore-Fector Gadget and Toner
No matter how gunked up pores get, this kit clears them out. Sonic waves loosen dirt and oils so skin can readily lap up the antioxidants of whatever cream you apply afterward. $185; go to instyle/bbb for discount.

99. Skinceuticals Clarifying Clay
Lavish, refreshing, nourishing—dermatologists lay the praise on pretty thick for this non-drying mask. Not that you'll need to apply any more than the thinnest layer to see results. It relies on "natural earth clays and botanicals to unplug pores, while hydroxy acids get rid of the dead layer of skin," says Dr. Weinberg. And unlike so many other clay masks, this one never feels crusty. $37; skinceuticals.com.

Editors’ Pick

100. Neutrogena Oil-Free Acne Wash
This winner has an unblemished record of clearing acne without stripping skin. The clean-rinsing gel, with 2 percent salicylic acid, "exfoliates, lifts sebum out of pores, and smells good," says Wellesley, Mass., dermatologist Ruth Tedaldi. $7; neutrogena.com.

101. Clarisonic Cleansing System
The last thing oily skin needs is a scrub that's going to force it to pump out even more grease. This oscillating brush has a gentle way of cleaning without messing with the skin's natural oils, dermatologists say. Plus, it's crazy-flexible. "You can use it in the shower, set a timer so you don't overcleanse, and swap in an assortment of brush heads," says Amy B. Lewis, an N.Y.C. dermatologist. $195; sephora.com.

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**DISCOLORATION/BRIGHTENING CREAM**

**102. Elure Advanced Lightening Lotion**
You could treat dark spots with a pricey cream that takes months to work. Or you can try this hydroquinone-free lotion, which Dr. Mary Lupo says uses enzymes to break up pigment in as little as four weeks. Totally your call. $150; elureskin.com for stores.

**EYE CREAM**

**103. Neocutis Lumière**
It's the closest you can get to auto-fixing puffiness and dark circles. (Few formulas target both so effectively.) Dermatologic surgeon Mitchel Goldman in San Diego says the fragrance-free cream is a triple threat—hyaluronic acid plumps skin, protein growth factors promote new collagen, and caffeine tightens and restricts blood vessels. $80; lovelyskin.com.

**ANTIOXIDANT SERUM**

**104. Skinceuticals C E Ferulic**
Like a cheerleading squad for your skin, this anti-aging formula gives it the boost it needs to fight free radicals and environmental stress. It contains actual vitamins A and E (not the synthetic kinds some companies use), so you get a truly potent serum. "It not only prevents sun damage but also reverses aging from the sun," says N.Y.C. dermatologist Karen E. Burke. $142; skinceuticals.com.

**WRINKLE TREATMENT**

**105. Skin Medica TNS Essential Serum**
This silky, bi-colored gel effectively plays offense and defense. "It has growth factors to regenerate skin as well as antioxidants to protect it," says Dr. Ranella Hirsch. It's also loaded with peptides. Seattle dermatologist Barbara Schell is impressed with how it rallies skin to pump out more complexion-smoothing collagen. $260; skinmedica.com.

**AFFORDABLE WRINKLE TREATMENT**

**106. Olay Pro X**
Dermatologists like that this gentle wrinkle fighter has all the trappings of a luxury cream (including retinol and peptides). But they're even more jazzed that it contains skin-clearing niacinamide—so crucial for battling wrinkles and pimples. $42; ulta.com.

**EDITORS' PICK**

**107. L'Oréal Youth Code Serum**
This silky serum has three amazing things going for it: skin brighteners and antioxidants that perk up dry skin, as well as light-infusing particles that impart radiance. $25; go to instyle.com/bbb for discount.

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150. Neutrogena Naturals
It does everything a cleanser should do, washing away dirt, oil, and makeup without any of the unfortunate side effects, such as stripping, stinging, or drying. New Orleans dermatologist Mary Lupo likes that the mildly foaming gel, spiked with coconut, willow bark, and other skin-cushioning ingredients, rinses clean and requires no toner. “It also immediately makes pores look smaller,” she says. $8; at drugstores.

SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
151. Aveda Shampure
This gentle plant-based line boasts one of the rare formulas that work on all hair types, says N.Y.C. stylist Tippi Shorter. Hydrating but never heavy, they both smell fantastically herbal. $11 each; aveda.com.

BODY LOTION
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Got elbows that could refinish hardwood floors? Introduce them to this insanely emollient lotion loaded with “soothing ingredients like aloe vera, chamomile, and green tea,” says N.Y.C. dermatologist Rosemarie Ingleton. The organic formula also relieves dry, itchy skin. $12; alba botanica.com.

FACIAL SUNSCREEN
154. Soleil Organique SPF 45
This mineral sunscreen uses physical blockers, not chemicals, to protect skin from harmful UVA and UVB rays. Unlike many other mineral formulas, it won’t leave a chalky film. A riot of antioxidants—green tea, vitamins C and E, algae extract—helps protect precious collagen, says Dr. Sherber. All that, and it comes in a nice BPA-free package. $55; soleil organique.com.

ANTI-AGING TREATMENT
155. Korres Quercetin & Oak Anti-Wrinkle Cream
Retinoids can rub sensitive skin the wrong way. This cream takes a gentler approach with quercetin.

FACIAL MOISTURIZER
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This is a real softie—the aloe soothes and the rice extract moisturizes. “It’s not just what it has but what it doesn’t have,” says Robin Schaffran, a dermatologist in Beverly Hills. Free of perfumes and parabens, this light moisturizer is noncomedogenic, so it won’t clog pores or irritate skin—just two reasons it’s particularly great for acne-prone complexions. $15; burtsees.com.

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