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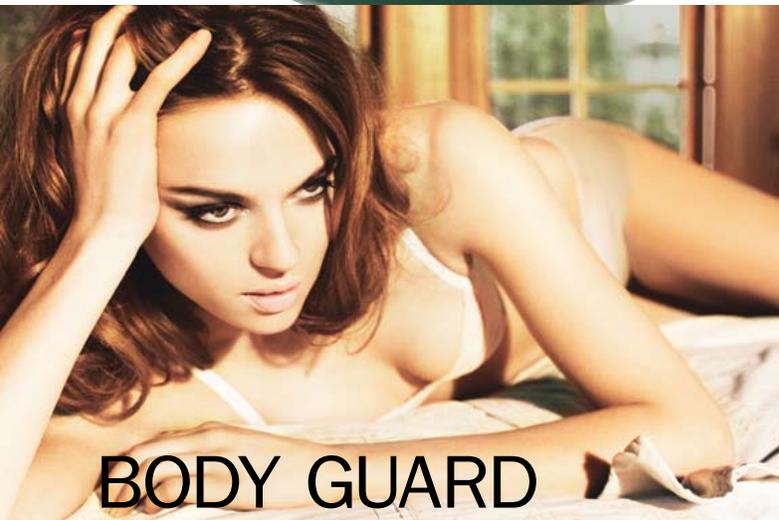


COLOR OF THE MOMENT

Green Polish

The last time you wore green nail polish, you may have been listening to the Cure on your Walkman—but it might be time to reconsider the offbeat hue. “The new forest green shades have a warm earthiness that makes them easier to wear than some of the other dark ones,” says manicurist April Foreman. OPI Nail Lacquer in Here Today...Aragon Tomorrow is an almost-black green that looks particularly great on dark skin; the lighter Orly Nail Lacquer in Enchanted Forest (shown) has a hint of blue, which makes it best for fair complexions.

—JESSICA PRINCE



BODY GUARD

A new group of anti-aging creams is turning our focus to the skin below the neck. Aveeno Positively Ageless Firming Body Lotion promises to smooth and tighten with shiitake-mushroom complex and wheat protein; Elizabeth Arden Prevenge Body Moisturizer combats free radicals with idebenone; Clarins Renew-Plus Body Serum softens lines with retinol palmitate; and VMV Hypoallergenic Illuminants Body Brilliance Lotion reduces dark spots with alpha hydroxy and kojic acids. “Just as ingredients such as antioxidants, retinol, and AHAs can help with aging on your face, they can treat the skin on your body,” says dermatologist Heidi A. Waldorf. “But the best defense for both places is still sun protection. Put on these lotions first and follow with sunscreen wherever you’ll be exposed.”

—STEPHANIE TWEITO JACOB



FREE STUFF: We’re giving away products from Aveeno, Clarins, OPI, Orly, and VMV Hypoallergenic. Turn to page 184 for details.

SHOPPING GUIDE: Aveeno, aveeno.com. Clarins, clarinsusa.com. Cover Girl, covergirl.com. Elizabeth Arden, elizabetharden.com. L’Oréal Paris, lorealparisusa.com. OPI, opi.com. Orly, orlybeauty.com. VMV Hypoallergenic, vmvhypoallergenic.com.



MAKING FACES

Ellen DeGeneres has brought humor to the deeply earnest business of cosmetics advertising as the face of Cover Girl Simply Ageless Foundation and Sculpting Blush (right). We asked the comedian to name a few of her favorite things.

—ALYSSA KOLSKY HERTZIG

WAY TO PAMPER YOURSELF? Two glasses of champagne and a money bath.

JUNK FOOD? French fries.

TIME OF DAY? Lately, it’s been Hammer Time.

WORD? Cheetos.

FORM OF EXERCISE? Yoga.

DESIGNER? Stella McCartney, because she does beautiful clothing and it’s cruelty-free.

BEAUTY PRODUCT? Simply Ageless Foundation, of course.

SCENT? I love the smell of fig. I have fig linen spray, and I wear fig perfume. If I run out, I just tuck a Fig Newton in my bra.

COCKTAIL? Red wine.

GUILTY PLEASURE? *Celebrity Apprentice*.

DANCE MOVE? Dirty dancing.

BRAND OF SNEAKER? Adidas.... No, Nike.... No, wait, Adidas. This is like when people asked my mama who she loved better, me or my brother, Vance. Except she always answered Vance.

PRESENT RECEIVED? Well, Portia gave me her heart, so that’s the best gift. Plus, one time I got a really cool iPod.

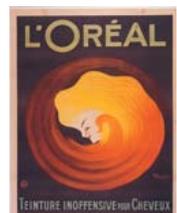
PRESENT GIVEN? I gave Portia my heart—and a really nice carrying case to go with it.



Birthday Loot

When French chemist Eugène Schueller started a hair-dye business in his apartment back in the early 1900s, he named it L’Aureale after a halo-like hairstyle that was popular at the time. That little company is now a giant called L’Oréal—perhaps you’ve heard of it?—and is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Because the best part of any birthday bash is the goody bag, they’re giving away four of them filled with 25 L’Oréal Paris best-sellers, including Voluminous Volume Building Mascara, RevitaLift Deep-Set Wrinkle Repair Eye cream, and EverPure Color Care Moisture Shampoo. To enter, log on to allure.com/freestuff all month long, starting August 1.

—KAYLEIGH DONAHUE



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: DAVID COOK; COURTESY OF COVER GIRL; DAVID COOK; L’ORÉAL/TOUS DROITS RÉSERVÉS POUR RAOUÏL VION; L’ORÉAL/TOUS DROITS RÉSERVÉS POUR H. LIBISZEWski; TOM MUNRO