Beauty Essentials

Stock your arsenal with these fab finds

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Perricone MD H2 Elemental Energy Collection

I adore this luxe skin care collection! The Hydrating Booster Serum (\$100) refines skin texture and appearance as well as soothes and hydrates stressed skin. Simply apply 2-3 pumps to face and neck day and night. For severely dehydrated skin, use their Hydrating Cloud Cream (\$80) after. The cream goes on light, yet moisturizes like a rich moisturizer. The line also features a reenergizing De-Puffing Eye Gel (\$75) and hydrating Firming Foam Mask (\$50). Available at Sephora and www.perriconemd.com.

ReFINISH Dry Shampoo & ReFRESH Dry Conditioner

Brought to you by celebrity stylist Nick Arrojo, this dry shampoo (with aloe vera, ginger and wheat proteins) and dry conditioner (with hydrolyzed keratin, panthenol, vitamins E and B5) refresh tresses. In between washes, I turn to these two products to clean and restore fullness. Spray in the shampoo (\$17) and massage into roots to absorb oil. Then, follow up with the conditioner to add moisture and shine (\$23). Available at Arrojo salons and www.arrojonyc.com.

John Varvatos Men's Fragrances

John Varvatos boasts a collection of fragrances for men and we're here to help you figure out which one is best-suited for the men in your life. Artisan appeals to those into woodworking or mixology since it has an outdoorsy smell with its notes of Sicilian Clementines mixed with juicy Tangelo fruit, and ginger extracts. Artisan Acqua is great for music or gastronomy enthusiasts because of its elevated artisanal touches. It's a masculine, floral fragrance with its fusion of Tangelo, Mandarin, and herbal spicy accents. And Artisan Blu's blend of citrus, fresh herbs, and woody accents produce a crisp scent with a woody base that appeals to those with a passion for fashion or photography. Available at Macy's and Bloomingdales for \$89.

Bastide Aix-en-Provence Collection

Frédéric Fekkai and Shirin von Wulffen have partnered up to create luxury beauty and lifestyle brand, Bastide Aix-en-Provence. With a focus on natural, quality ingredients, and the expertise of family-owned, Provence-based businesses, the line features fine fragrance, hand and body care, home fragrance, and skincare. I love the Figue d'ete Hand & Body lotion, a lightweight non-greasy lotion made with Provence honey, olive oil and calendula (\$45); the Ambre Soir Provence Liquid Hand wash with Provence olive and coco oil, which leaves skin super soft (\$35); Miel de Lavande Artisanal Provence soap, a French triple-milled soap that doesn't dry out your skin (\$20); and Camargue Bath Salt, which soothes and softens skins and is blended with fragrant sweet orange blossom oils (\$38). They're all 100% non-toxic and use 97% ingredients of natural origin. Available in France and in the U.S. and Bastide.com.