

Look What We Found!



Showered with Joy

A friend lives in an apartment built around 1900 and full of old-world charm. Her bathtub, installed about the same time—not so much. Reluctant to sit and soak, she's traded bubbles and Beethoven for showers with bar soap and her own sorry renditions of TV jingles. But, thanks to Red Flower, today she's singing a different tune.

Their Wild Cherry Blossom Rice Buff (\$18)—filled with rice bran (a humectant rich in vitamin E), hydrating cherry blossom, and soothing wild cherry bark extract—makes a shower every bit as sensual as a bath. After just one use, our friend's skin felt softer, her soul felt calmed, and her ancient bathroom smelled as fresh as a cherry orchard on a warm day.

New and Improved

"New," we've come to realize, in the beauty biz as elsewhere, typically implies "bigger! better! more effective!" Or just "more!" So imagine our surprise when we saw Bare Escentuals i.d. Magic Wand Brushless Mascara (\$15)—a new mascara minus the brush. Could less possibly be better? Without a doubt, according to Sarina Godin, director of product development for Bare Escentuals. "Women have trouble reaching the roots of their lashes with traditional mascara wands. Bristles get in the way and mascara gets on their lids," she says. Makes sense, we thought, so we gave the wand a try. The color had a gorgeous sheen, and we loved being able to apply it precisely where we wanted it. And oh, our lashes looked so much "bigger!" and "better!"



Reinventing the Wheel

She had big hair and even bigger shoulder pads, but we believed that woman behind the cosmetics counter years ago when she told us which colors to wear. Play up your blue eyes, she said, with peaches and golds—shades opposite blue on the color wheel. And never wear colored mascara. It all came rushing back to us when we found Almay's eye-color enhancing Intense i-Color Collection in Bring Out the Blue. With trepidation, we carefully lined our lids with the copper-brown pencil (\$7), applied the shadows (\$7) as the package instructed, and coated our lashes with navy mascara (\$7.50). The overall effect won us more than a few compliments and opened us up—these many years later—to a rainbow of fresh options.

The Face Mask We Swear By

In the past year, we've tried more luxurious face masks than you, dear reader, will probably try in your lifetime. (We're not bragging; it's work. Really.) So we consider ourselves experts on the subject. And right now our favorite is Aveda Tourmaline Charged Radiance Masque (\$26) because of the fresh, clean, glowing complexion we get every time we use it. Aveda

credits the results to tourmaline, an "energizing mineral," along with a corn-derived sugar that gently exfoliates and a rich cast of moisturizers such as muru butter, avocado oil, and glycerin.

GIVE-O-WAY! Win one of 100 Aveda Tourmaline Charged Radiance Masques.

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