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Upfront – where we try before you buy



A smooth operator
Nutrimetics Ultra Care Anti Wrinkle Retinol Serum. RRP \$59.
Tester: Female, 45.

The little silver vials are completely odourless, which is a good start. One capsule applied under your night cream before bedtime definitely delivers a smoother appearance the next morning. I'd use it the night before a big day. Available from Nutrimetics representatives.

Pst, it's refreshing
Paul Mitchel Awapuhi Moisture Mist.
RRP \$26.95.
Tester: Female, 53.

A squirt of pure pleasure on a hot day and, for that matter, during an inconvenient hot flush. Lovely dewy finish, but possibly the same effect could be had from a fine spray of H₂O. However, it was a great travelling companion this summer.
paulmitchell.com.



The no-makeup look
Aveeno Tinted Moisturiser. RRP \$27.95.
Tester: Female, 41.

A tinted moisturiser with enough coverage to hide all those bits that need hiding and a sheer finish that promises "radiance" (thankfully more sheen than shine). Good when going bare-faced is not an option but you want that no-makeup look. A Johnson & Johnson product, so widely available. aveeno.com



Sparkling eyes
Body Shop Sparkling Eye liner. RRP \$22.50.
Tester: Female, 16.

The brush is capable of tapering broad strokes to a point, making it easy to use. It can be applied to the corners of the eyes for a casual daytime look, or makes party sparkles, with a longer stroke over the upper lid. A liquid eyeliner, it sets quickly and can last for hours. From Body Shop stores.

