

ELLE BEAUTY

AWARDS 2010

MAC PAINTPOT IN BLACKGROUND

Terry Barber, make-up artist

'My clients Dita Von Teese, Pamela Anderson and Grace Jones all love that "super-woman" eye and Mac's Paintpot in Blackground is perfect – a gunmetal black that doesn't budge and needs no retouching. Grace once purred at me after a gig, "Daaarling, I still have my eyes!" It doesn't matter how fabulous a product is when you put it on, if it ain't there 12 hours later when you're doing the walk of shame then it doesn't stay in my kit.'

Paintpot in Blackground, £19, by Mac

MARIO BADESCU CONTROL CREAM

*Hannah Phillips, beauty buyer,
Harvey Nichols*

'For the past 10 years, I have had problems with the skin around my chin and mouth. After seeing specialists, I still hadn't found anything to treat it, until I visited Mario Badescu's clinic in New York. Deciding it was an allergy, they gave me a pot of Control Cream. I know that when my skin flares up, this is the only thing that calms it.'

Control Cream, £25, by Mario Badescu

BIOThERM SOURCE THERAPIE SERUM

Katie Hillier, designer

'One day while drifting through duty-free, a nice lady asked me if I wanted to try Biotherm Serum, and I've never looked back. It's always in my bag for flights and it's really concentrated, so a little goes a long way. As soon as the hot towel comes around, I pop it on and it leaves my skin feeling like it's just had a facial. Simple, clean and super effective.'

*Source Therapie 7 Skin Perfecting Serum, £36,
by Biotherm*

BUMBLE AND BUMBLE GROOMING CREME

James Pecis, hairstylist

'This was the first product I'd used in my work and personally. It doesn't do too much, just relaxes the hair to look lived-in. It's the cure to fluffy or freshly cleaned hair, and is still a staple in my kit today.'

Grooming Creme, £28, by Bumble and Bumble

PER-FEKT SKIN PERFECTION GEL

Lauren Hersherson, make-up artist

'I've never really believed in primers, but this one is a little facelift in a bottle. It works especially well on my more mature clients or those with uneven skin tones.'

I came across it in New York and then, conveniently, it cropped up in Harvey Nichols. It was first developed for HDTV, so it's a must on celebrity clients or brides.'

Skin Perfection Gel, £44, by Per-fekt

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

BLISS LEMON & SAGE BODY BUTTER

*Marcia Kilgore, founder, FitFlop and
Soap & Glory*

'Anything flavoured with lemon and sage conjures up a crazy memory. My husband, Thierry, and I discovered the smell in a fragrance house atelier at the top of a hill in France. While we were sniffing blends, there was a forest fire raging. As it climbed closer, Josef, our "nose", kept running toward the window, telling us to stay calm and focus on sniffing. It was surreal.'

Lemon & Sage Body Butter, £23, by Bliss

GUERLAIN PERFUMES

Jade Jagger, designer

'My mother had a great collection of perfumes and I'll always remember Guerlain's Mitsouko and L'Heure Bleue. The mystique of being in her bathroom, knowing that was where she transformed herself into a queen, was so glamorous.'

*Mitsouko and L'Heure Bleue EDT, £46.50
for 50ml each, both by Guerlain*

ACQUA DI PARMA FICO DI AMALFI

*Jason Wilary-Attew, premium beauty
buyer, John Lewis*

'I was given Acqua di Parma Blu Mediterraneo Fico di Amalfi EDT for my 40th birthday last year, which coincided with the start of my honeymoon in Turkey. It's the most amazing combination of citrusy top notes over fig middle and base notes. It's just so perfect for warm climates and heady evenings. When there's a hint of sun, I reach for this fragrance.'

*Blu Mediterraneo Fico di Amalfi EDT,
£36 for 60ml, by Acqua di Parma* ➤

