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4 AGE-DEFYING NEWCOMERS

With all the recent launches of antiaging serums, creams and lotions, it's a bit overwhelming to figure out which wrinkle cream you should be using. Our advice: If you're happy with your skin, stick with your current regimen. If you think your complexion could use some improvement, consider these new options:

for brow furrows and fine lines

L'Oréal Dermo-Expertise Wrinkle De-Crease (\$20; at mass-market retailers and drugstores) uses a patented formula that contains extracts from the Indian boswellia tree as well as the mineral manganese.

for smoother, more radiant skin

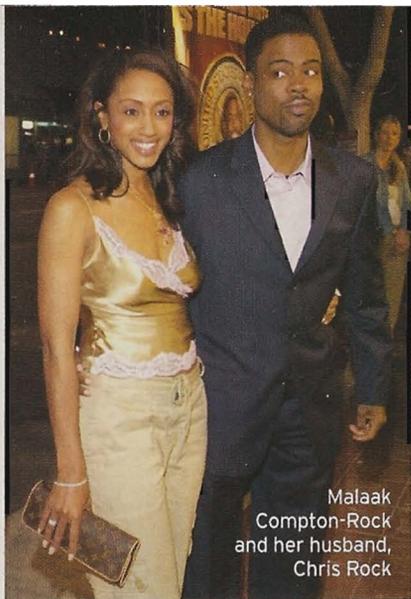
Avon ANEW Clinical Line and Wrinkle Corrector (\$32; avon.com) helps minimize the look of lines and wrinkles, makes skin more supple and increases its moisture levels.

for more pronounced wrinkles

Clarins Super Restorative Serum (\$110; gloss.com) is chock-full of plant-based compounds called isoflavones (which help improve skin's texture).

for skin that needs a jump-start

Guinot Paris Time Release Youth Boost (\$140; 800-444-6621) is pricey, but think of it as a much-needed spa treatment for stressed skin. It's meant to be used morning and night for only 14 days.



Malaak Compton-Rock and her husband, Chris Rock

Making a Difference

Life as the wife of a celebrity could be simply a round of parties and premieres, but for Malaak Compton-Rock (who's married to actor/comedian Chris Rock) it's about helping less fortunate women achieve their goals. She started styleWORKS, an organization offering head-to-toe beauty and fashion makeovers to women trying to move off welfare and into the workforce; the nonprofit group celebrates its four-year anniversary this month.

Each participant receives all the tools – brushes, tweezers, skin-care products and cosmetics – she'll need to replicate her new look. "It's a true transformation, not just in the way the women look, but in the way they feel," Compton-Rock says. "They instantly feel more confident." To find out more about styleWORKS, or to make a donation of career clothing, click on www.styleworks.org.

– Sally Wadyka

aromatherapy made easy

Aromapothecary is no ordinary aromatherapy line; in fact, it's like having an essential-oil expert mix concoctions just for you. To get your customized bath and body products, visit one of 10 locations nationwide and fill out a questionnaire about your lifestyle, personality and health. An exclusive software program analyzes the data, generating an essential-oil recipe. Your personal blend is then mixed with base products while you wait. The result: goods ranging from sugar scrubs to bubble bath (eight in all; \$28-\$75). Call (212) 826-8900 or check aromapothecary.com for locations. – Dawn Margolis

Straight-from-the-garden skin care

Plant-based ingredients are all the rage in skin-care products today. The main reason: They're gentle and effective. And now there's another botanical-based line that's hit the market:

Pure Simplicity, a head-to-toe range of skin-care from Bath & Body Works. Some of the must-have items in the line: the Pumpkin Purifying Face Mask (\$16), a gentle exfoliating mask, and the Fig Hydrating Body Scrub, shown here (\$18; 800-395-1001), which combines moisturizing figs with exfoliating sugar to leave skin soft.

FOR EASY MAKEUP APPLICATION...

... try Makeup Dots (\$18 for 30; lancome.com) by Lancôme. These soft, disposable foam makeup sponges stick to your fingertips for on-the-go application of eye shadow, concealer and more.

