

# Beauty Sarah Vine

## The 13 products I'd spend my own money on

Our beauty editor has spent nine years roadtesting cosmetics – which ones make the cut?



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I've never been one for long goodbyes. So I shall cut to the chase: after nine years as your humble servant, I am vacating this page. There is just one thing left to do before I depart: raid the beauty cupboard.

Beauty writers, like their colleagues in the fashion world, rarely have to pay for anything. When they do, it's because that treatment, person or product is really worth it. So I thought I would leave you with my list of what I, very soon, shall be shelling out for:

**1 This Works Clean Skin 5-in-1 Water** (£21; [thisworks.com](http://thisworks.com))

A really great no-fuss cleanser that gets rid of most types of make-up without being greasy or heavy. No need for a toner, either. Also comes in a giant, seemingly everlasting, bottle.

**2 Skinceuticals Hydrating B5 Gel** (£59; [hghair.com](http://hghair.com))

An oldie but a goodie. There are plenty of more sophisticated serums out there, but this one never fails to resolve dry skin quickly.

**3 Laura Mercier Secret Camouflage** (£26; [houseoffraser.co.uk](http://houseoffraser.co.uk))

Under-eye shadows kicked into touch.

**4 Sarah Chapman facial** (from £100; 020-7589 9585)

If Father Christmas gave me one of these each year, I would always be on best behaviour.

**5 Hourglass Immaculate Liquid Powder Foundation** (£50; [liberty.co.uk](http://liberty.co.uk))

A little bit amazing. Lovely foundation that dries to a soft powder.

**6 Chanel Rouge Coco Shine Hydrating Sheer Lipshine** (£24; [houseoffraser.co.uk](http://houseoffraser.co.uk))

Just something about the texture, the colours, the chic packaging; makes me feel like a lady each time I use it.

**7 Urban Decay Naked Eyeshadow Palette** (£36; [debenhams.com](http://debenhams.com))

One of the silkiest, prettiest and best-value palettes you can buy.

**8 Nars Orgasm Blush** (£21.50; [narscosmetics.co.uk](http://narscosmetics.co.uk))

What's not to like about a blusher that makes you look like George Clooney himself has just offered to buy dinner?

**9 Eyebrow shaping with Vaishaly Patel** (£50-70; 020-7224 6088)

I know: 50 quid for eyebrows? Have I gone soft? What about the local Arndale Centre? Can't I get them done there for

a fiver? Yes, I can. And yes, I have done. And no, it's not the same; not even close to the same. Call me a diva, but as far as I'm concerned, it's Patel or the highway.

**10 Rahua Omega 9 Hair Mask** (£47; [urbanretreat.co.uk](http://urbanretreat.co.uk))

Gwyneth Paltrow's fave. But don't let that put you off. Brilliant for all hair types and especially for tresses that have been coloured, overtreated or generally messed around with.

**11 Aromatherapy Associates Deep Relax Bath & Shower Oil** (£39; [aromatherapyassociates.com](http://aromatherapyassociates.com))

Aaaah. **12 Flutter couture lash extensions at Urban Retreat at Harrods** (£190; 020-7893 8333)

Soft, extremely natural-looking and very long-lasting, these are the best lash extensions I have ever tried. Highly addictive.

**13 Le Labo Rose 31** (£150 for 100ml eau de parfum; [liberty.co.uk](http://liberty.co.uk))

A superbly warm, robust and slightly masculine rose. Original and delightful.

And with that, dear *Times* readers, I take my leave. You can find me on my new website, [getthegloss.com](http://getthegloss.com). ■

