

TOP PICKS UNDER £50

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We all love a little luxury *and* a good deal – which is why Team ELLE have tested low-cost beauty buys just for you. Here are our 12 top performers



DARK CIRCLE CORRECTOR

Garnier Caffeine Anti-Dark Circles 2-in-1 Roll-on, £10.19

Tested by: Natasha Pearlman, 31, Deputy Editor

Why? I may have the stamina to go out after work, but my eyes don't. It's getting harder and harder to hide the shadows.

The results: The skin around my eyes got visibly brighter and most of the darkness disappeared within a fortnight. The roller makes it easy to apply, which encouraged me to use it. I thought I'd have to rely on concealer forever, but this really works.

ANTI-AGEING SYSTEM

Olay Professional Anti-Wrinkle Kit, £44.99

Tested by: Susan Ward Davies, 42, Travel & Lifestyle Director

Why? I'm worried all the travelling for my job is having a negative effect on my skin.

The results: I've been told I look 'really well' a lot recently, so this kit – SPF 30 day cream, anti-wrinkle cream and eye and lip treatment – must do something!

ANTI-AGEING SERUM

L'Oréal Paris Revitalift Laser Renew Super Serum, £24.99

Tested by: Christina Simone, 33, Workflow Director

Why? I've recently started to notice lines around my eyes and mouth, and the beginnings of an uneven complexion.

Results: There was less redness on my face after I'd used it for a month, and fewer laughter lines after two. My skin feels smoother all over, to the point that I've stopped using my normal moisturiser on top of the serum base.

HAIR GROWTH INHIBITOR

Inhibitif Advanced Hair Free Serum, £29.99

Tested by: Joely Walker, 22, Beauty Assistant

Why? I hate shaving my legs – it makes them too dry. And I'm lazy!

Results: My legs felt softer straightaway and, while it took a few growth cycles to see a significant difference, I'm hooked. Now I only need to shave once a week and, even if I skip it, I can still get my legs out confidently as the hairs are finer. ▶

THE LUXE OPTIONS



ANTI-AGEING SERUM
La Prairie
Anti-Aging
Longevity
Serum, £158

ANTI-AGEING SYSTEM
Sarah Chapman
Stem Cell
Collagen
Activator, £245

DARK CIRCLE CORRECTOR
Crème de la
Mer The Eye
Concentrate,
£130

HAIR GROWTH INHIBITOR
Tria Hair
Removal
Laser 4X, £375

