



second skin

With the party season almost here, it is time to cocoon your complexion beneath an enveloping mask. Besides the heavenly delight of a few moments' peace, enjoy instantly noticeable results and skin that feels and looks renewed

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best for: lifting

Wei Black Soy Instant Lifting Face Treatment Pads, £55

Like a facial corset, Wei's treatment pads tightly hug your face for an instant lifting effect. Fermented black soy, rich in all of the amino acids essential for collagen production, helps to plump the skin.

best for: brightening

Amore Pacific Luminous Effect Brightening Masque, £70.65

A potent blend of Asian botanicals, including milk thistle, ginkgo leaf and magnolia, work in perfect synchronicity

to reduce melanin production and prevent future discoloration, while also diminishing the appearance of existing pigmentation. It is suitable for even the most sensitive of skins.

best for: a pre-party boost

Givenchy Vax'in For Youth Vital Energy Infusion Mask, £43

When that post-vacation glow is but a distant memory, this mask kick-starts cells into producing the longevity protein HSP70, which protects existing proteins and promotes the elimination of skin-dulling damaged ones, to give a translucent radiance.

best for: tired eyes

Chantecaille Gold Energizing Eye Recovery Mask, £185

Chantecaille has soaked its eye contour-shaped patches with hyaluronic acid and particles of gold – a powerful anti-inflammatory – to help smooth away wrinkles and fade dark circles. Our tip? Keep them in the fridge – the cool temperature will immediately de-puff bags and soothe world-weary eyes.

best for: blemishes

Eve Lom Rescue Mask, £35

The mix of kaolin clay, which helps to absorb excess oil and fight inflammation, camphor, a powerful decongestant, exfoliating ground almonds and moisturizing honey has made Eve Lom's Rescue Mask a bestseller ever since it launched in 1990. For maximum effect, use after a bath, when the heat has opened your pores.

best for: thirsty skin

Sarah Chapman Skinesis 3D Moisture Infusion Mask, £39

Chapman initially developed this mask to use during her infamous facials. Designed to cling to your face like a second skin – it is 440 times finer than a regular sheet mask, with hyaluronic acid and rose water to rehydrate and fill out fine lines.