

Feel fresh, pretty and full of possibility with rosy shades and heart-fluttering fragrance. Keep skin clean and dewy, and nail hues classic with a twist.

Hello summer finds.

I just called to say...

i love you



NUDE Skincare ProGenius Treatment Oil, £58 - a fantastically versatile facial oil that's suitable for both dry and oily complexions since it re-balances skin to its optimum state rather than forcing it to react one way or another. I apply a few drops at night and wake up with calm, glowing skin, and it makes a surprisingly good base when mixed with your foundation. I'm using this in conjunction with the brand's **Purify Cleansing Wash**, £20 and **Purify Daily Moisturiser**, £42 - the perfect combination for sun-scorched and/or - parched skin.

Ole Henriksen Perfect Truth CC Creme, £29 - a new launch that reminds me why it's good to keep trying new formulas rather than sitting pretty with what you've got. With added ferulic acid (a potent antioxidant that has proven results against photo-ageing), vitamin C and an SPF 30, this light and dewy formula blends seamlessly into skin and protects me all day long. Don't waste the products you already have, but when they're finished and you need something new: buy this.

Lancome Gloss in Love, £20 - hands up, I'm not a gloss girl. Too sticky, too shiny, can look kinda cheap... so really I shouldn't like this, but I do. A lot. Perhaps it's the colour (I'm using Under the Spotlight but it comes in 12 all-occasion shades), it looks bright and in-ya-face in the tube - with shimmer EEEK - but has natural lip tones' once it glides on, making mine at once fuller and redder in a really pretty, understated way. Consider me a convert.

Cire Trvdon Natural Wax Candle in Yaz, £85 - a limited edition collaboration between the uber-cool, ultra-innovative candlemakers and uber-cool, uber-innovative designer Yazbukey. This showstopper of a candle smells exactly like a pair of expensive leather shoes, and for added wow buy the brilliant 'lips' collectable lid/snuffer in Yazbukey's iconic style, £45.



Clinique Long Last Lipstick in Runway Coral, £16 - a runaway hit from summer last year, this catwalk-inspired coral hue is back by popular demand (it sold out within weeks last time) and is now available both online and on-counter. I love how vibrant this looks teamed with softly-glowing skin and a stick of mascara - the perfect summer look. Get it before it goes (again).

Illamasqua Hydra Veil, £27 - sitting somewhere between a primer and skincare (Illamasqua call it a hybrid between the two - we won't argue since it's a bang-on description), this jelly-like potion contains a myriad of epidermal benefits and keeps foundation in place all day long. It's also perfect for keeping skin feeling cool and light on hotter days - dab it on under eyes like an eye gel when peepers need refreshing, and gently pat over makeup for a hit of moisture throughout the day.

Carolynk K Dark Nail Paint Collection, £12.99 - eschew obvious brights and pastels for unexpected nail colours with a little more attitude. I'm loving these khaki, purple and iridescent mink shades teamed with my summer wardrobe of whites, faded denim and fringing.

Santhilea Magnetic Lash 1-2-1 Lash Extension System, £24.99 - want longer, flirtier lashes? Well get in line, sister - don't we all. I'm always a little skeptical of products that claim to make your lashes miles longer (like those overnight creams that ended up changing people's eye colour, what was that about?), but the £100+ price tag of having individual extensions done seemed ludicrous. Three cheers then for this clever two-in-one lash system. It works like this: you coat your lashes in the 'Magnetic Mascara', and while they're still wet gently dab on the 'Lash Builder' (loose black fibres that look a bit like sooty candlefloss and stick to the mascara, creating fuller, thicker lashes.) Wait till this has dried then seal with another coat of the mascara. The fibres are now locked in place and lashes look va-va-voom - I'm not the world's most patient or careful applier of eye makeup, but even I managed to easily build longer lashes for day and a proper falsies-look for a big party (another bonus: this is pretty much un-smudgeable). Winner.

Balmain Eau d'Ivoire, £46 - a fruity but sensual floral blend of bergamot oil, reductant, osmanthus absolute, musk and patchouli, this is one to spritz with abandon on lazy summer days. The blush shade of the juice has also inspired me to buy a shirt in the same powdery pink - utterly gorgeous.