

The best in beauty

For our sixth annual awards, we road-tested dozens of products to come up with the 22 natural and eco-friendly winners you see here. **Helene Larson** reports.



FACE

1 Cleanser

Winner: Kimi Organic Revitalising Face Wash, www.kimiorganic.com

Why we love it: All Kimi Organic products are Australian Certified Organic, come in



100 percent recyclable packaging, and a tree is planted for every purchase.

"My daughter's eczema meant we changed what we ate and put on our skin – and Kimi

Organic was born. Being certified organic, our products are completely chemical-free."

– Kim Girbin, founder, Kimi Organic

2 Day cream

Winner: Dr Hauschka Regenerating Day Cream, www.drhauschka.com.au

Why we love it: Dr Hauschka uses high quality minerals and hand-harvested organic or biodynamic plant oils, and a unique rhythmical processing method.

3 Serum

Winner: Kosmea Eighth Natural Wonder Revitalising Serum, www.kosmea.com.au

Why we love it: A powerful combination of hibiscus extract and organic rose hip oil, this facial serum has the effect of 'freezing' fine lines and wrinkles.



"Back in the 1990s when I founded Kosmea, rose hip oil was unheard of in Australia. It has amazing healing powers for acne, scarring and dryness. I use it every day."

– Marie Jenkins, creator and founder, Kosmea

4 Anti-ageing treatment

Winner: The Jojoba Company Absolute Serum, www.thejobacompany.com.au

Why we love it: The 100 percent natural Australian jojoba nourishes skin and contains powerful antioxidants, omega 6 and 9 fatty acids, and vitamins A, D and E.



"Jojoba has amazing benefits – it's hypoallergenic, anti-inflammatory, and has a natural affinity with the skin, penetrating easily without greasiness – so we created a range based entirely on it."

– Vicki Engvall, co-founder and product director, The Jojoba Company

5 Sunscreen

Winner: Wotnot 30+ SPF Natural Sunscreen, www.wotnot.com.au

Why we love it: Free from titanium dioxide, this provides excellent 30+ protection against UVA and UVB rays, and has an absolutely beautiful smooth texture.

6 Mask

Winner: Eminence Organic Coconut Cream Masque, www.eminenceorganics.com.au

Why we love it: These products really are good enough to eat! This dreamy mask contains nourishing coconut milk and chunks of ripe coconut for ultra hydration.

7 Eye cream

Winner: Korra Organics Recovery Eye Gel Cream, www.korraorganics.com

Why we love it: Miranda Kerr's range is all about respecting the planet and loving our skin by using products that are natural, plant-derived, and certified organic.

8 Multitasker

Winner: Trilogy Everything Balm, www.trilogyproducts.com

Why we love it: Trilogy designs products for maximum effect on the skin, with minimum environmental impact. Use this balm absolutely anywhere that needs TLC!

Our criteria

Products eligible for the Nature and Health Beauty Awards needed to be free from:

- Parabens
- Artificial fragrances and colours
- PEGs
- Phthalates
- Resorcinol
- Ammonia
- Sulphates
- Animal testing of any kind

Read ingredients labels to ensure the products you put on your skin are safe. To learn more, visit www.cosmeticsdatabase.com.

BODY

9 Body wash

Winner: Vanessa Megan Blood Orange Body Wash, www.vanessamegan.com
Why we love it: This deliciously scented wash cleanses without stripping skin of its natural oils, and is packaged using 100 percent recyclable materials.



"My formulas are made with this phrase in mind: 'Never put anything on your skin that you wouldn't eat'. Our ingredients are from the best pantry in the world - the natural environment."

-Vanessa Gray, founder and director, Vanessa Megan Organic Skincare

10 Body lotion

Winner: Puretopia Hydrating and Skin Plumping Body Lotion, www.mypuretopia.com
Why we love it: Puretopia products are authentic, natural and affordably priced. This lotion has a light, silky texture and is perfect for summer.

11 Body scrub

Winner: AUM Purifying Body Scrub, www.aumbauty.com
Why we love it: With papaya to remove dead cells, pineapple to boost elasticity, and bamboo to exfoliate, your skin will feel smooth and rejuvenated.

12 Deodorant

Winner: Dr Organic Manuka Honey Deodorant, www.organicaustraliaonline.com.au
Why we love it: Not only is this honey-scented deodorant all-natural and gentle, it is powerful enough to withstand exercise without any smell!

13 Body butter

Winner: Venustus Belief Organic Body Butter, www.venustus.com.au
Why we love it: Venustus products are designed to treat the entire person - physically and emotionally. The Belief range soothes and calms both your skin and spirit.



"For over 20 years I have been sharing my skin and body care with loyal clients. I was constantly drawn to all things organic, and so I created my own range. To this day I still love designing treatments and organic aromatherapy products."

-Jeannie Bourke, director, Venustus



HAIR

14 Shampoo

Winner: Live Clean Professional Healthy Balance Shampoo, www.live-clean.com
Why we love it: Live Clean uses plant-sourced, non-petrochemical based ingredients that are renewable and sustainable, plus this shampoo is 100 percent vegan.

15 Hair treatment

Winner: bhave Deep Intense Conditioning Masque, www.bhavehair.com
Why we love it: We adore the coconut scent and exceptional conditioning and smoothing properties of this masque. Split, dry ends were less noticeable after use.



"With a background in hairdressing, I was concerned about constant exposure to hazardous chemicals. The bhave brand is respectful of the health of people and the environment, while delivering the highest quality products."

-Neil Cleminson, technical and creative director, bhave



MAKE-UP

16 Foundation

Winner: La Glam Minerals Mineral Foundation, www.laglamcosmetics.com
Why we love it: Australian-owned La Glam's mineral cosmetics look fabulous and are excellent for your skin. The mineral foundation contains a natural SPF of 15+.



"As a makeup artist, I know that women need make-up that won't harm skin, is easily applied, and lasts! Having tried numerous products to clear my breakouts and redness, La Glam has been the only one that works."

-Amanda La Monica, founder, La Glam Minerals

17 Mascara

Winner: Ere Perez Natural Almond Oil Mascara in Black, www.ereperez.com
Why we love it: This natural mascara is tear-proof and formulated with organic almond oil and beeswax to strengthen and lengthen lashes without smearing.



"I've always been a great believer in natural remedies and skincare. Natural formulas are not the easiest or cheapest to perfect, but their health benefits make up for it. Why would anyone put harmful chemicals on their skin, our biggest organ?"

-Ere Perez, founder and creator, Ere Perez Natural Cosmetics

18 Nail polish

Winner: Butter London Teddy Girl, www.adorebeauty.com.au
Why we love it: Butter London lacquers are long-lasting, come in fabulous colours, and contain no formaldehyde, toluene or DBP.

19 Lipstick

Winner: Vani-T Mineral Lip Colour in Cupcake, www.vani-t.com
Why we love it: Vani-T Mineral Cosmetics are loved by make-up artists and models, due to their excellent performance, fun packaging, and all-natural ingredients.

20 Lip gloss

Winner: Livinia Naturals Mineral Lip gloss in Kathleen, www.livinia.com.au
Why we love it: With a great range of colours, it was hard to choose a winner! This luscious gloss was the favourite, and we love that it is 100 percent vegan.



"My skin would be breaking out after 12 hours on a long photo shoot wearing heavy makeup. Natural mineral makeup is better for the skin and feels lighter and less oily."

-Sheree Mutton, model and ambassador for Livinia Naturals

21 Bronzer

Winner: Jane Iredale Quad Bronzer in Moon Glow, www.janeiredale.com.au
Why we love it: Jane Iredale was one of the first companies to sign the Compact for Safe Cosmetics. This bronzer provides subtle colour, and is vegan and gluten-free.

22 Eyeliner

Winner: Eye of Horus Natural Smokey Eye Pencil, www.eyeforhorus.com.au
Why we love it: With oh-so-good-for-you ingredients like jojoba wax and mango oil, this glides on without dragging and stays smudge-free.

