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Hair & Body Oil
huile éclat
cheveux et
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AWARD WINNER
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Worth the Splurge
It's an age-old dilemma for the chic crowd: prestige versus drugstore buys. And while we live for an affordable makeup find, there are those goodies that are actually worth the extra coins. These luxury brands make some of the finest hair, body and makeup products around. Period.

From left: **DIOR** Diorific Matte Lip & Cheek Colour (\$38, dior.com); **ORIBE** Côte d'Azur Luminous Hair & Body Oil (\$75, oribe.com); **BYREDO** Bal d'Afrique Body Lotion (\$65, byredo.com); **PAT McGRATH LABS** Mothership IV: Decadence palette (\$125, sephora.com).

When it comes to beauty, this year has been unforgettable. From epic launches (hey, Fenty Beauty) to red-hot stars (we see you, SZA) whose creativity inspired us, we've loved it all. Here are the products and people that deserve our praise

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Best Sunscreens for Us

One of the most commonly used excuses Black women give for skipping SPF is, "It makes me look ashy." And while that may have been the case, there are a lot of new products that blend perfectly into our rich skin. These three winners not only do that but they are also hydrating.

- 1. **SHISEIDO** Ultimate Sun Protection Lotion WetForce SPF 50+ (\$40, shiseido.com);
- 2. **3LAB** Perfect Sunscreen SPF 50+ Broad Spectrum (\$50, barneys.com);
- 3. **ZO SKIN HEALTH** Smart Tone Broad-Spectrum SPF 50 (\$70, zoskinhealth.com).

Breakout Beauty Star

ANOK YAI A major modeling agency signed Yai after a photo of her at Howard University's 2017 homecoming went viral. We were instantly mesmerized by her natural beauty and deep complexion and can't wait to see her take the fashion world by storm.

Best Face Serum

This brew packs a beautiful punch. The highly effective combination of pure ferulic acid, pure vitamin E and the herb Centella asiatica helps skin fight pollution, infrared radiation and UVA rays.

LANCÔME Advanced Génifique Sensitive Serum (\$78, lancome-usa.com).



Best No-Show Deodorant

This instantly dry antiperspirant spray is dope. The lightweight formulation leaves underarms supersmooth and soft, and best of all you don't have to worry about any embarrassing marks being left behind on your clothes.

DOVE Invisible Dry Spray Clear Finish Antiperspirant Deodorant (\$6, target.com).

Best Stain-Fighting Toothpaste

Stained teeth are no match for Colgate's newest hydrogen peroxide-formulated paste. That's definitely something to smile about.

COLGATE Optic White Platinum Stain-Less White Toothpaste (\$4, target.com).



Best Game-Changing Hair Masks

These masks deliver much-needed hydration to keep natural tresses in tip-top shape.

THE MANE CHOICE Heavenly Halo Herbal Hair Tonic & Soy Milk Deep Hydration Mask (\$20, target.com); **BRIO GEO** Don't Despair Repair! Deep Conditioning Mask (\$36, sephora.com).

Best Flat Iron

The shimmery heat-sensor plates on this awesome tool provide a sleek and smooth finish and guarantee that hair is healthy and protected from heat damage.

GHD Gold Professional Performance 1" styler (\$199, ghdhair.com).

Best Resurfacing Mask

If you don't have one of these in your beauty regimen, add one immediately. AHA and BHA formulations help improve the texture of your skin, minimize the appearance of pores and remove dead skin cells. The result is a radiant and revitalized complexion. Need we say more?

4. **ELEMIS** Dynamic Resurfacing Gel Mask (\$79, elemis.com); 5. **DRUNK ELEPHANT** T.L.C. Sukari Babyfacial (\$80, sephora.com); 6. **BIOLOGIQUE RECHERCHE** Masque Vivant (\$70, biologiquerecherche.com).