





Best in Black Beauty Awards

FROM SUBLIME LOTIONS TO SKIN-PERFECTING POTIONS, THESE 52 WINNERS GET OUR SEAL OF APPROVAL. PLUS, MEET THREE INDUSTRY INSIDERS WHO ARE CHANGING THE BEAUTY GAME

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AWARDS KEY

-  DRUGSTORE FAVES
-  SPECIALTY STORE FAVES

BEAUTY

PROP STYLIST, ANGELA CAMPOS/STOCKLAND MARTEL; PRODUCT, NYX PRIMAL COLORS FACE AND BODY POWDER

MAKEUP

LIPSTICK

- **Revlon** ColorBurst Balms (\$9, Target). Rich pigment, three finishes and 30 color options equals lip perfection.
- **Estée Lauder** Pure Color Envy Sculpting Lipstick (\$30, esteelauder.com). Its time-released moisture complex works all day.

LIP GLOSS/LACQUER

- **Black Opal** Patent Lips (\$7, Walmart) offers shine with lipstick staying power.
- **Lancôme** Gloss in Love (\$27, lancome-usa.com) is a nonsticky, sheer hint of color.

FOUNDATION

- **Maybelline New York** Fit Me! Stick Foundation (\$9, Walgreens) delivers easily applied matte coverage.
- **Becca** Ultimate Coverage Complexion Crème (\$44, Sephora). This creamy formula comes in a full spectrum of browns.

LIQUID EYELINER

- **Rimmel London** ScandalEyes Eyeliner (\$6, CVS). Create top-notch cat eyes with its slim tip.
- **Chantecaille** Le Stylo Ultra Slim (\$34, chantedecaille.com) is ideal for liquid liner novices.

NAIL POLISH

- **Sally Hansen** Triple Shine Nail Color (\$5, Rite Aid) gives the glossiness and finish of a gel sans the commitment.
- **CND** Vinylux Weekly Polish System (\$10 for each polish, cnd.com for

salons). Chip-free color that lasts up to a week? We're sold.

CONCEALER

- **Iman** CC Powder to Crème Concealer (\$15, Walgreens) provides skin care benefits while it cloaks blemishes.
- **BareMinerals** Correcting Concealer (\$20, Sephora) comes in a wide range of deep shades.

MASCARA

- **L'Oréal Paris** Voluminous Butterfly Mascara (\$9, Target). The wing-tip brush lifts, arches and defines outer corners of lashes.
- **IT Cosmetics** Tightline Black Mascara Primer (\$24, Ulta). Swipe close to the lash line for maximum definition.

BLUSH

- **Maybelline New York** Face Studio Master Glaze Glisten Blush Stick (\$9, Walgreens) adds a nice flush to cheeks.



- **Make Up For Ever** HD Blush (\$26, sephora.com). These bold colors pop on the deepest of skin tones.

EYE SHADOW

- **NYX Cosmetics** Primal Colors (\$5, nyxcosmetics.com) has vibrant hues for high impact.
- **MAC** Pro Longwear Paint Pot (\$20, maccosmetics.com). This creamy shadow won't crease or budge.

BROW FILLER

- **Pixi** Natural Brow Duo (\$16, Target) has smooth color on one end and a brow gel on the other.
- **Dolce & Gabbana** Shaping Eyebrow Pencil (\$45, saksfifthavenue.com) leaves you with natural-looking brows. ▷



Fran E. Cook-Bolden, M.D.

“Women of color are finally reaping the benefits of the skin resources available to us.”

Cook-Bolden, director of Skin Specialty Dermatology in New York City, focuses on identifying the unmet needs in skin of color. She recently worked with USA Swimming to address hair issues that stop women of color from participating in the sport. Bravo!



HAIR

MOISTURIZING SHAMPOO

■ Clear Scalp & Hair

Intense Hydration Hydrating Shampoo (\$6, CVS) adds moisture without weighing down hair.

■ **Klorane** Shampoo With Desert Date (\$15, klorane.com) gives even the driest strands a hydrating boost.

DEEP CONDITIONER

■ Garnier Fructis

Damage Eraser Fortifying Conditioner (\$4, Walmart). Smooth on before blow-drying to disguise split ends.

■ **Kérastase** Nutritive Irisome Masquintense for Thick Hair (\$63, kerastase-usa.com) pumps nourishment into damaged strands.

CURL DEFINER

■ **Dark and Lovely** Au Naturelle Curl Defining Crème Glaze (\$10, drug-stores). It gives weightless definition without crunchiness.

■ **Orbe** Curl Shaping Mousse (\$36, orbe.com) defines locks and defies frizz. Done and done.

HAIR TOOL

■ **Tangle Teezer** Aqua Splash (\$16, Sally Beauty). Remove knots without yanking your hair out.

■ **Paul Mitchell** Neuro Dry (\$170, professional salons). Best. Blow-dryer. Period.

SMOOTHING PRODUCT

■ **Shea Moisture** Tahitian Noni & Monoi Smooth &



Kim Kimble

Kimble is a third-generation hairstylist who has built an impressive celebrity clientele. When she's not filming her reality TV show, she serves as an ambassador for Pantene and is also an educator for Kimble Beauty Camp, which teaches aspiring hairstylists about the beauty biz.

“ I’m able to share my knowledge so that everyone can have beautiful hair, not just celebrities. ”



Repair Hair Scalp Weekly Therapy (\$10, select Target stores) softens tight coils without disturbing curl patterns.

■ KMS California

TameFrizz Smoothing Lotion (\$17, ulta.com) keeps flyaways in check.

DRY SHAMPOO

■ **Pantene** Pro-V Original Fresh Dry Shampoo (\$5, Walgreens) absorbs oil and doesn't leave a residue.

■ **Philip Kingsley** One More Day Dry Shampoo (\$25, philipkingsley.com) is great for freshening up post-workout hair.

THICKENING/ VOLUMIZING PRODUCT

■ **L'Oréal Paris** Advanced Haircare Volume Filler Densifying Gelee (\$7, Target). Proteins and special fillers seep into strands to make hair look fuller.

■ **Alterna Haircare** Bamboo Volume 2-in-1 Volumizer (\$25, Ulta).

Spritz at the roots for an instant lift.

FACE

HYPERPIGMENTATION CORRECTOR

■ **Neutrogena** Rapid Tone Repair Dark Spot Corrector (\$20, Walmart). A blend of retinol and vitamin C helps eliminate discoloration.

■ **Lancôme** DreamTone (\$98, lancome-usa.com). Three different formulas work with specific skin tones to treat dark spots.

FACE CLEANSER

■ **Garnier** Purifying Foam Cleanser (\$8, Rite Aid) leaves skin feeling clean, but not stripped.

■ **Bobbi Brown** Extra Bright Advanced Foaming Cleanser (\$33, bobbibrown-cosmetics.com) is enriched with vitamin E antioxidants. >



“Big brands are now following the nail art trends that we’ve been doing in urban locations for decades.”



Bernadette Thompson

Long before nails were making a statement, Thompson was experimenting with nail art. She now has her own line of polishes and is focused on inspiring other manicurists of color to think beyond the salons.

Cloths (\$6, Walmart) serve up classic clean in a new format.

■ **Proactiv+** Makeup Cleansing Wipes (\$38 for nonmembers, proactiv.catalog.com) are infused with sulfate-free agents for makeup removal.

BODY STRETCH MARK CREAM

■ **CeraVe** Intensive Stretch Marks Cream (\$19, Target). Botanicals zero in on stretch marks, while argan oil hydrates the skin.

■ **StriVectin SD** Advanced Intensive Concentrate for Wrinkles & Stretch Marks (\$79, strivectin.com) rejuvenates with a potent one-two punch.

BODY MOISTURIZER

■ **St. Ives** Energizing Citrus & Vitamin C Fresh Hydration Lotion (\$8, Rite Aid) is a handy spray-on.

■ **Eau Thermale Avène** XeraCalm A.D Lipid-Replenishing Cream (\$32, avenusa.com for info) is wonderful for dry skin.

TEETH WHITENING

■ **Crest** 3D White Brilliance Boost (\$6, Walmart). Use after your regular toothpaste for more whitening power.

■ **GO SMILE** Sonic Blue Teeth Whitening System (\$129, qvc.com). Get noticeably brighter pearly whites in just a few days. □

ACNE TREATMENT

■ **Clearasil** Ultra Rapid Action Treatment Lotion (\$7, CVS) quickly clears up breakouts on the face, chest and back.

■ **Clinique** Acne Solutions Clinical Clearing Gel (\$17, clinique.com) nixes blemishes without irritating.

ANTIAGING TREATMENT

■ **Avon** Anew Clinical Infinite Lift Targeted Contouring Serum (\$40, avon.com). This combo of peptides targets areas prone to sagging.

■ **Peter Thomas Roth** Neuroliquid VoluFill Youth Serum (\$120, peterthomasroth.com). Powerful skin-plumping ingredients instantly fill fine lines.

FACE MOISTURIZER

■ **Simple** Ultra-Light Gel Moisturizer (\$11, Walmart) is oil-free and nongreasy.

■ **Dr. Brandt** Xtend Your Youth Face Cream (\$59, drbrandtskincare.com) is packed with antioxidants that slow the effects of aging.

MAKEUP REMOVER TOWELETTES

■ **Cetaphil** Gentle Skin Cleansing