

Feminine wiles

Here's to those little rituals that make maintenance a thing of beauty

PRETTY PUNCHY

Supercool Tokidoki characters have graced skateboards, sneakers and toys for years. Now, the anime-inspired art, created by Italian artist Simone Legno, is popping up all over Smashbox Cosmetics' spring collection. We love the Soft Lights Powder and Brush Set in Dolce Vita for its silky glow, but mostly for the swish it gives a dressing table. \$52.



SOOTHE THE SENSITIVE

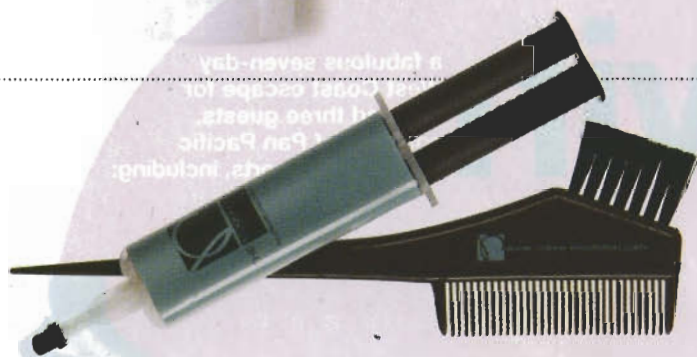
Spring officially starts this month, but we know that doesn't mean our Canadian winter is over. Flaky, sensitive skin will find comfort in La Roche-Posay's Nutritic cream. In either the two-and-a-half or five per cent biolipid concentration, this lotion's concentrated formula of 11 biological fatty acids targets sore, chafing dryness. The company tested it on sufferers in sub-zero Winnipeg with much success, so we tried it on one especially eczema-prone face. It worked wonders. \$24 (40 mL).



BEAUTY 101

Stained lip, messy updo, Marie Antoinette-ish blushing cheek. Pull off Valentino's spring runway look with these key items: Pout's Lip 'N' Cheek Stain for the just-kissed effect, \$30; Goody Twisty Rope headwrap for dishevelled chic, \$6; Lancôme's Magique Blush in Rose Alizés for a queen-like complexion, \$30.

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DON'T ESCAPE YOUR ROOTS

Cameron Diaz et al. switch from blonde to brown at whim, but regular visits to the salon can be a hassle. The Mixer will ease your pain. A double-barrelled applicator mixes colour and chemical developer as you pump it, making at-home touch-ups a breeze. Apply to part line, crown, hairline and temples to look primped in minutes. \$26.