

I Want...

FLAWLESS SKIN

Sometimes a makeover isn't about getting a flashy new look—it's about feeling comfortable and confident in your own skin.



BEFORE



THE MAKEOVER
NO MORE BAGS

Faten M., 26
dental assistant

WHY NOW? "I'm sick of hiding my bags behind eyeglasses!"
THE PROCESS To create a more even surface under Faten's eyes, Yael Halaas, MD, an NYC plastic surgeon, injected Restylane—a skin-plumping filler. Then she injected a bit of Voluma (a new FDA-approved filler) into the tops of her cheeks to create balance with the now fuller under-eye area.

THE REVEAL "This was a total confidence booster. I'm actually considering Lasik!"



At-Home Fix

The caffeine in Lancôme Visionnaire Yeux Eye Advanced Eye Contour Perfecting Corrector (\$60, lancome.com) smooths puffy eyes.



BEFORE



THE MAKEOVER
BRIGHTER UNDER-EYES

Woroud S., 23
student and secretary

WHY NOW? "I've always had dark circles. They get worse if I have allergies or don't get a full eight hours of sleep."

THE PROCESS "Woroud had deep-set tear troughs—the natural indentations just under the eyes—which cast deep shadows," says Dr. Halaas. To level them so skin could reflect light, she injected Restylane.

THE REVEAL "For the first time ever, I can leave the house without concealer."



At-Home Fix

Got circles? Laura Mercier High Coverage Concealer (\$28, lauramercier.com) is packed with pigment but goes on super light.

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THE MAKEOVER
FULLER LIPS
Amanda P., 25
nurse

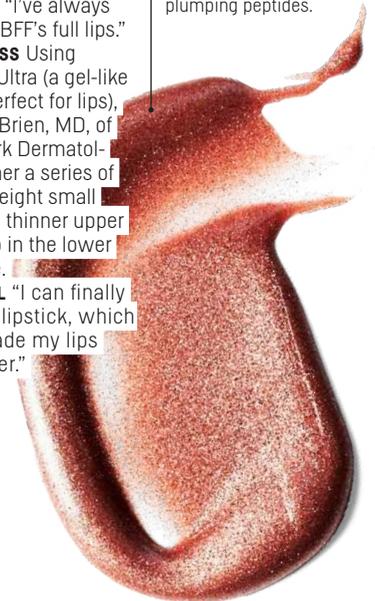
WHY NOW? "I've always envied my BFF's full lips."

THE PROCESS Using Juvederm Ultra (a gel-like plumper perfect for lips), Meghan O'Brien, MD, of Tribeca Park Dermatology, gave her a series of injections: eight small ones in the thinner upper lip and two in the lower for balance.

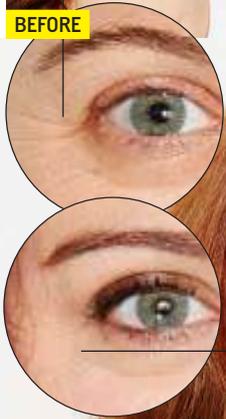
THE REVEAL "I can finally wear dark lipstick, which always made my lips look smaller."

At-Home Fix

Physicians Formula Plump Potion Needle-Free Lip Plumping Cocktail (\$9.75, **drugstores**) is infused with lip-plumping peptides.



BEFORE



THE MAKEOVER
SMOOTHER CROW'S-FEET

Lisette R., 33
executive director for a nonprofit

At-Home Fix

Olay Regenerist Luminous Dark Circle Correcting Hydraswirl (\$25, **drugstores**) diffuses the look of fine lines.

WHY NOW? "I'm tired of looking exhausted."

THE PROCESS To iron out the wrinkles, Anne Chapas, MD, of Union Square Laser Dermatology, used Botox. "It blocks the signals from the nerves to the muscles so that they relax, not contract," she says. "Plus, it inhibits the squinting reflex, preventing lines from getting deeper."

THE REVEAL "I've been posting lots of selfies on Facebook, which I would never do before. Everyone keeps commenting on how happy I look."



BEFORE

THE MAKEOVER
LEANER LEGS

Kathleen A., 28
event designer

WHY NOW? "I've been working out with a trainer, but my thighs still carry extra weight."

THE PROCESS The new FDA-approved i-LipoXcell emits lasers from pads, causing fat cells to release their contents (it metabolizes as waste) and shrink permanently, says Jamé Heskett, MD, founder of The Wellpath (it offers high-tech slimming treatments).

THE REVEAL "I lost two inches. My tightest jeans finally fit!"

At-Home Fix

Score a smoother silhouette by applying Nivea Skin Firming Cellulite Serum with Q10 (\$16, **drugstores**) daily.



(AMANDA AND LISETTE) HAIR: BRITNEY WILLIAMS AT KATE RYAN INC.; MAKEUP: SARA GLOCK (KATHLEEN) HAIR: JEANNE SYFUAT, ARTMIX BEAUTY; MAKEUP: MISHA SHAHZADA AT ARTMIX BEAUTY; STILLS: JON PATTERSON/STUDIO D.

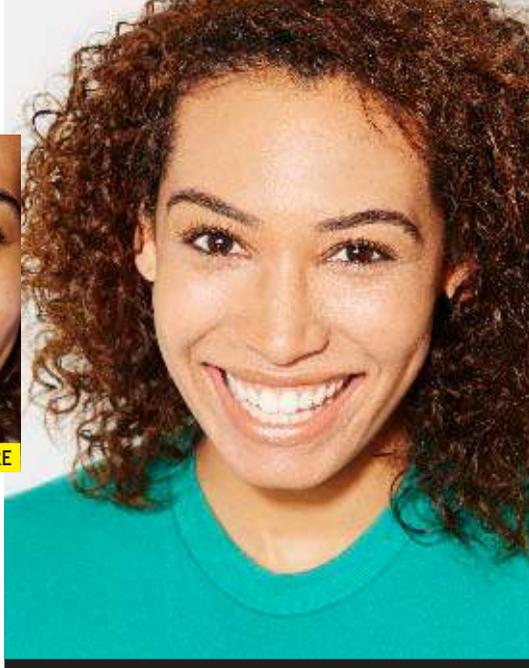
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At-Home Fix

Packed with pigment-fading hydroquinone: Murad Post-Acne Spot Lightening Gel, \$60, murad.com.



THE MAKEOVER
AN EVEN TONE
Chivonne M., 26
actress

WHY NOW? "I don't want to be seen as the girl with bad skin."

THE PROCESS To clear up her post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation (the reddish purple marks that linger long after a breakout heals), Eric Schweiger, MD, of NYC's Schweiger Dermatology, treated her skin with the Fraxel laser. It helps shed the top layer of skin, revealing fresh new cells.

THE REVEAL "For the first time in my life, I feel excited to look in the mirror in the morning."



BEFORE



THE MAKEOVER
A CLEAR COMPLEXION
Elizabeth P., 22
bank teller

WHY NOW? "Dermatologists have prescribed me creams, but nothing has ever worked."

THE PROCESS Dr. Schweiger prescribed her an oral antibiotic and topical treatment to kill the acne-causing bacteria. Then he treated her with blue- and red-light therapy: blue light zaps bacteria while red calms angry-looking skin. He finished with the Fraxel laser, which surfaced her skin with minimal downtime.

THE REVEAL "I wish I hadn't wasted years on other products and treatments."



At-Home Fix

Estée Lauder Clear Difference Targeted Blemish Treatment (\$35, esteelauder.com) zaps zits with salicylic acid.



At-Home Fix

Philosophy Time in a Bottle Daily Age Defying Serum (\$74, sephora.com) smooths skin's texture with vitamin C.



BEFORE



THE MAKEOVER
SCARFREE SKIN
Laura, 27

WHY NOW? "I always wear my hair down to hide my face."

THE PROCESS Using a two-pronged approach, Mona Gohara, MD, a dermatologist in Connecticut, plumped Laura's acne scars with Juvederm, a facial filler made of hyaluronic acid. Then Laura's skin was treated with the Pearl Laser to stimulate the growth of skin-plumping collagen.

THE REVEAL "My coworkers are blown away by the results. I'm even wearing my hair up!"

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