

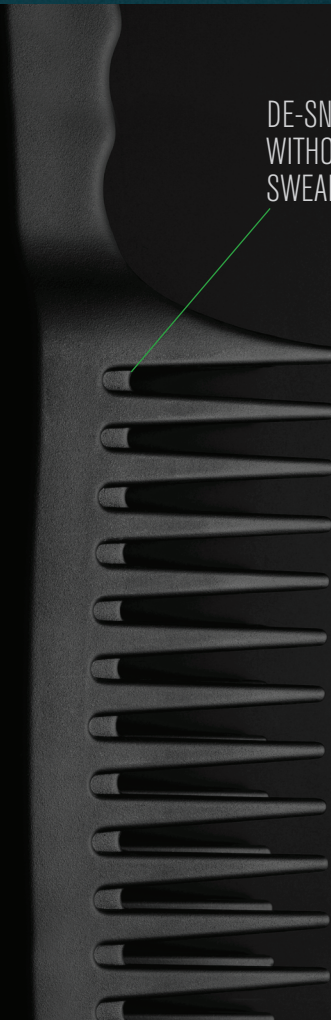
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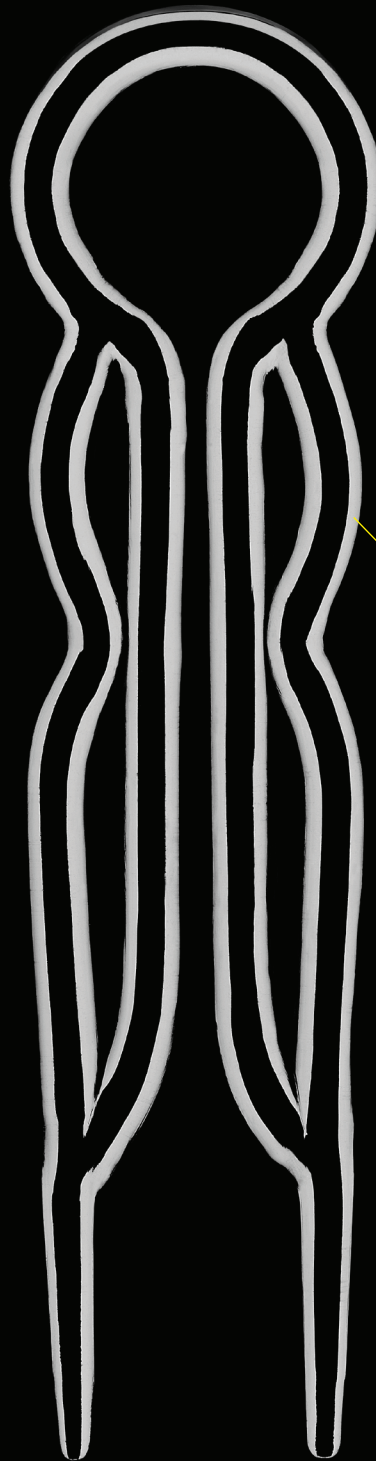


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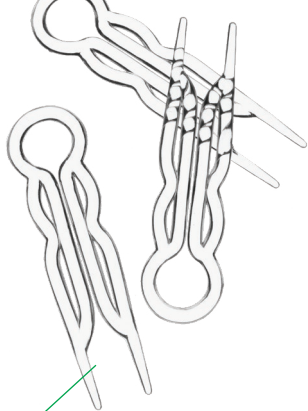
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## BEAUTY PRODUCTS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU NEEDED

If your makeup case and medicine cabinet are already bulging, you may not appreciate further suggestions. But believe us, once you learn all the midlife problems these miracle workers solve, you won't want to live without them

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## UPDATE YOUR UPDO

Big barrettes, butterfly clips and cloth scrunchies worked fine when you were 25. Now there's a more age-appropriate way to get a knot or twist to stay put: Slide in some **Good Hair Days Magic-Grip Hairpins** (\$3 for 10; [sallybeauty.com](http://sallybeauty.com)). One clip has the holding power of three bobby pins, and because they're clear, they disappear into your hair.

## SCORE A NO-POLISH MANICURE

For groomed nails without the drying time, pick up the **CND Girlfriend Buffer** (\$8; [goindulge.com](http://goindulge.com)). All you do is lightly sand and buff your tips, smoothing away ridges (the nail equivalent of wrinkles) and bringing out the shine. In five minutes, your nails will look as if they have a topcoat.



## DEFINE DISAPPEARING BROWS

**MAC Brow Set in Clear** (\$14; [maccosmetics.com](http://maccosmetics.com)) is a gel that makes brow strands seem thicker and gives arches a defined shape, hiding any holes. Tip: If your brows are sprinkled with stray grays, camouflage them with one of MAC's tinted brow gels (available in three shades).



## DE-FLAKE YOUR FACE IN SECONDS

Whether your skin is just extra dry or you happen to be suffering the flaky consequences of a chemical peel or Retin-A, **Bobbi Brown Extra Face Oil** (\$55; [bobbibrown.com](http://bobbibrown.com)) will smooth things out on contact. Packed with olive, jojoba and sweet almond oils, this rich, hydrating cocktail was created to satiate very thirsty skin. Bobbi Brown says that she won't look into the mirror in the morning until she's slathered it on.



## FILL IN FINE LINES

If you're not in love with primer, it must be because you haven't tried it. These waxy balms even out skin tone and minimize pores and fine lines. Many do such a good job, they allow you to skip foundation altogether. A favorite: **Laura Geller Spackle Under Make-Up Primer**, above right (\$23; [qvc.com](http://qvc.com)), which has silicone (to fill in lines) plus aloe vera. Geller also makes Eye Spackle, top left, a primer to prevent eyelid creasing, and Lip Spackle, bottom left, to keep color from feathering. Score all three primers in the **Laura Geller Spackle Trio** (\$32; [laurageller.com](http://laurageller.com)).



## GET GLOWING AGAIN

A few well-placed strokes of **Yves Saint Laurent Touche Eclat** (\$40; [yslbeautyus.com](http://yslbeautyus.com)) gives skin an enviable luminescence—the kind you had naturally at 22. Val Garland, the artistic adviser for YSL Makeup, recommends using the highlighter under your eyes, beside your nose, at the corners of your mouth and over any fine lines. You'll look instantly more radiant. Available in four shades.



### DE-SNARL WITHOUT SWEARING

If your hair is curly or has become very coarse (thank you, grays), just combing it can be a chore. Enter the **Ouidad Double Detangler** (\$24; [ouidad.com](http://ouidad.com)). This tool, made of two large combs (with round-tipped teeth) welded together, was engineered to gently and effectively de-snarl knots the way a stylist might, by slowly raking her fingers through tangled strands.



### GROW LONGER LASHES

To make lashes look the way they did a decade ago, try **Tarte MultiPLYE** (\$65; [sephora.com](http://sephora.com)). Forgoing prostaglandin (the lash-growth ingredient that can cause iris darkening in hazel eyes), this fringe fattener is also free of fragrance, sulfates, parabens and phthalates. That's important for something applied so close to the eye.



### PLUMP UP YOUR LIPS IN A SINGLE SWIPE

Lip-plumping glosses are typically infused with an ingredient (cinnamon, cayenne pepper) irritating enough to make your lips swell. For more comfortable results, we recommend **L'Oréal Colour Riche Anti-Aging Serum Lipcolour** (\$10; drugstores). The core of the lipstick bullet contains collagen, which restores fullness in aging lips. Available in 16 shades.



### CAMOUFLAGE BODY DISCOLORATION

A hybrid between a lotion and body makeup, **Per-Fekt Body Perfection Gel** (\$48; [sephora.com](http://sephora.com)) smooths dry skin and, thanks to a sheer tint (available in three shades), minimizes problems like stretch marks and spider veins. And don't worry: The gel formula is sweat- and water-resistant, so it won't leave stains on your pants—or your mother-in-law's white couch.



### CRIMP LIMP LASHES

Not only do lashes become sparser after 40, they also get straighter. So if you haven't been using a curler, it may be time to start. Our pick: **Laura Mercier Eyelash Curler** (\$16; [lauramercier.com](http://lauramercier.com)), which crimps right at the lash roots. One squeeze and you're Betty Boop. OK, not really—but you'll love the curl.



### RETIRE GRAY ROOTS, FAST

How to handle regrowth or rogue grays between salon sessions? Cover them instantly (but temporarily) with **ColorMark TouchBack** (\$30; [touchbackgray.com](http://touchbackgray.com)). Smear-proof (although it will shampoo out), the marker comes in eight shades, from Rich Black to Golden Blonde.



### PERK UP DROOPY BROWS

We're not claiming results that rival a bletheroplasty (an eyelid lift), but dabbing a shimmery pink, light-reflecting cream like **Benefit Ooh La Lift** (\$22; [benefitcosmetics.com](http://benefitcosmetics.com)) under your eyes (as you would concealer), as well as beneath your brows, will immediately make your eyes look brighter and more open. ☺