

B E A U T Y

POWER TOOLS

“HIGH-TECH DEVICES have become more accessible and somewhat more affordable,” says New York City dermatologist Macrene Alexiades, citing a surge in her patients using at-home skincare tools to supplement their topical regimens. And the global beauty-gadget market is still growing: Vantage Market Research projects it will jump from its current value of \$51.3 billion to \$144.2 billion by 2028. Ready to get in gear? From radiance-boosting LED masks to wrinkle-smoothing lasers, these 19 complexion perfectors will enable you to conduct highly effective treatments from the comfort of your own home.



SLOUGH AND SMOOTH

The Dermaflash Luxe+ (2; \$199) uses a nick-proof razor blade powered with sonic vibrations to make dermablading (a type of mechanical exfoliation done in-office with a surgical scalpel) safe to perform yourself. To start sloughing, place the vibrating blade against the skin and use short, feathery strokes to whisk away vellus hair (peach fuzz) and rough dead skin cells. For a deeper exfoliation, PMD Beauty Microderm Classic (1; \$159) mimics in-office microdermabrasion by combining circulation-boosting suctioning with rapidly spinning microcrystal discs that gently sand away the skin's top layer of dead cells, leaving the complexion softer and more radiant.

AMPLIFY PRODUCT EFFICACY

The Opulus Beauty Labs Activator (5; from \$295 for a starter kit) works like a skincare blender, mixing pods packed with ingredients like retinol and alpha-hydroxy acid into one fresh, potent product application. To improve the penetration of ingredients, the Droplette (3; from \$299) breaks down actives into microparticles, then delivers them via a highly absorbent mist. And Nu Skin ageLOC LumiSpa iO's silicone brush (4; \$250) ensures you get a thorough wash on the first try. Thanks to smart sensors that correct pressure and speed, your postcleanse complexion is guaranteed to be completely free of makeup and grime.



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GET GLOWING

Doctors have used LED light therapy for decades to treat a range of concerns, from fine lines to inflammation. “Everyone can benefit from light therapy, and it's pretty hard to mess up—even at home,” says Los Angeles aesthetician Shani Darden, whose own Déesse Pro LED Light Mask (6; \$1,900) offers red light to boost collagen and reduce fine lines and wrinkles; blue light to destroy acne-causing bacteria; and infrared light to calm inflammation. Dr. Dennis Gross DRx SpectraLite EyeCare Pro (9; \$169) utilizes red LED light to smooth the delicate eye area, while CurrentBody Skin LED Lip Perfector (8; \$189) uses it to plump lip lines. And the portable SolaWave Advanced Skincare Wand (7; \$149) enables you to spot-treat wherever, whenever.

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PLUMP FINE LINES AND WRINKLES

Lyma Laser (10; \$2,695), the newest FDA-cleared at-home laser, emits light energy to go deep into the base layer of your dermis, turning on dormant skin cells that have become inactive over time (from sun damage, trauma—or just chronological aging). These regenerated cells then spur the production of the proteins that support creation of collagen, helping your complexion become smoother and plumper. In addition, the Lyma, unlike many in-office lasers, is painless, requires no downtime, and emits no heat, so it shouldn't trigger hyperpigmentation in those prone to dark spots or patches.

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FIRM AND TONE

Microcurrent devices work by employing a low-voltage electrical current that travels through a conducting gel on the skin, stimulating the energy-carrying molecule ATP (adenosine triphosphate) in skin cells to boost circulation and up collagen production. In addition to "keeping the skin youthful and lifted," says Darden, microcurrent treatments can help "train the muscles to defy gravity before the skin starts to sag." Top options to try: NuFace, the first at-home microcurrent tool to launch in the U.S., recently revamped its best-selling Trinity+ (11; \$395) to produce 25 percent more power. TheraFace Pro (13; \$399), a facial tool from the percussive-treatment brand Therabody, features microcurrents as one of eight built-in treatments. And the ZIIP GX (12; \$495) uses both microcurrents and nanocurrents (the latter are said to impart longer-lasting results) in customized two- to 14-minute sessions that are directed by the ZIIP smartphone app.

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LIFT SLACK SKIN

TriPollar Stop Vx Gold (14; \$849) employs radio-frequency technology to initiate a tightening and healing response in the skin, providing a subtle lift. What makes this device stand apart from other at-home radio-frequency tools is its ability to control the temperature of the thermal energy it delivers to the skin, maximizing its effectiveness and minimizing any risk of damage. To accomplish this, the tool continuously reads the temperature of the skin tissue and adjusts accordingly, a quality Alexiades says is key because radio frequency works best when it has achieved "a specified target temperature in the skin."

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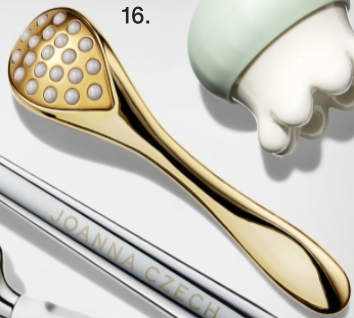
UNPLUGGED PERFECTORS

The spike in demand for at-home beauty tools also extends to a bevy of battery-free options. Among the most popular: lymphatic massagers. "Massage can be used to get rid of excess fluid in our body, and it can work the same way to reduce inflammation in the face," says Camille Howard-Verović, a New York dermatologist. The Joanna Czech Facial Massager (15; \$189) utilizes a cooling aluminum alloy to soothe; Dior Prestige Le Pétale Multi-Perlé (16; \$100) uses 21 ceramic pearls to softly knead; the Lanshin Massager by Acera (17; \$59) releases warm, calming far-infrared energy; and the WTHN Face Cupping Kit (18; \$40) employs gentle suctioning to drain excess liquid and relieve tension. Also hot: face rollers that create tiny pricks in the skin to support product absorption. The FaceGym Hydrating Active Roller (19; \$65) improves upon the concept with microneedles made of hydrating crystallized hyaluronic acid and soothing centella asiatica that penetrate then dissolve into the skin as you roll. **HB**

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