

READY SET GLOW

Rachel Read rounds up the best holiday beauty collections for festive gifting... plus a sneaky bit of self-gifting too, of course!

ALL YOU NEED IS LUSH

Rudolph face masks, Santa soaps, candy cane bubble bars and snowman bath bombs... cruelty-free, green beauty pioneers **Lush** always pull out all the stops for their holiday collections! Their ready-packed gifts are always excellent no-brainer Christmas presents, and their festive-themed individual items make for brilliant stocking stuffers. Look out for their nifty range of Naked pampering products, which are sold free of any packaging. Individual products start at \$40 from Lush stores citywide. \$160-320 from MAC Cosmetics



SPILL THE TEA

Slay the age delay game with **Fresh's** Destination Black Tea gift set. Filled with a quartet of powerhouse products from the brand's Black Tea skincare line - a serum, corset cream, eye concentrate and kombucha facial treatment essence - this antioxidant-rich collection promises to protect your complexion from the effects of pollution, as well as firm, smooth and moisturise your skin. Tea-rrific! \$1,130 from Fresh outlets citywide.

TOTES ABSORBS

These **Not Just A** sponges have been one of my favourite beauty discoveries of the year. Made from konjac vegetables grown on South Korea's Jeju island, they're completely chemical-free, biodegradable, and help to gently exfoliate and refine your complexion. Get your mitts on their holiday set of two sponges infused with volcanic scoria rock (one a convenient travel size), which are ideal for calming sensitive skin. \$135 from A Beauty Bar counters and online at www.abeautybar.com.hk.



OUT OF THIS WORLD

BareMinerals' Celestial Magic Lipstick Gift Set features mini versions of eight of their much-loved paraben-, sulfate-, gluten- and phthalate-free GEN Nude Radiant Lipsticks, all dressed up in gloriously star-scattered packaging. With a beautifully creamy, cruelty-free formula that leaves lips feeling super soft, this flattering wardrobe of heaven-sent pink, mauve and berry shades will see you through the holiday party season and beyond. \$340 from BareMinerals counters citywide.



GOING COCONUTS

Spread the local love this year with one of homegrown beauty brand **Coconut Matter's** handmade, plant-based pampering gift sets. Showcasing sustainable, organic, fair-trade and cruelty-free ingredients, their Bath & Body Set includes a beautiful eucalyptus exfoliating coconut oil soap, a nourishing lavender hand and cuticle balm, and a jar of multi-tasking virgin coconut oil - all in eco-chic, plastic-free packaging. \$260 from coconutmatter.com.

SCENT-SATIONAL

If it's good enough for the British royal family, it's good enough for us! Quintessentially British perfume brand **Penhaligon's** have been making fragrances for over 100 years, earning two royal warrants in the process, so it's no surprise that all their creations smell sublime. Their Christmas Ladies' Collection contains miniature versions of five of their divine, cruelty-free signature scents - Luna, Empressa, Halfeti, Artemisia and Elisabethan Rose - in a charming festive tin. \$440 from Penhaligon's.



CITY OF STARS

Put a twinkle in your eye with **Charlotte Tilbury's** Stars In Your Eyes Palette, which features 12 stunning golden-hued shadows to create a range of mesmerising eye looks. With shades that can either be lightly layered or dialled up to the full razzle-dazzle, the palette has been designed to feature four distinct "looks" that prime, enhance and smoke the eyes - and it's all cruelty-free to boot. \$670 from Charlotte Tilbury counters at Lane Crawford.

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