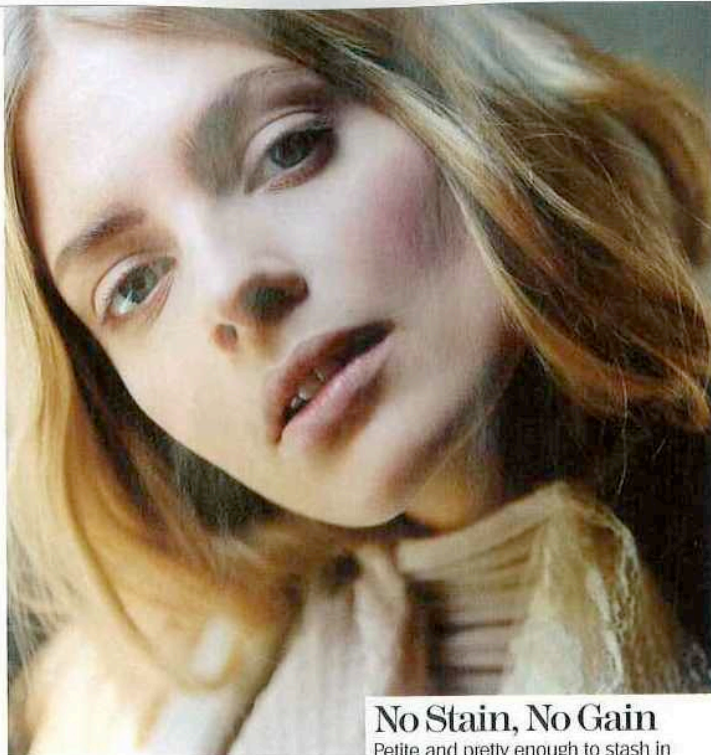




## POMMES D'OR

Forget the candy-coated variety. For winter, it's all about the Midas touch: DKNY Golden Delicious Apple Essences (\$75 with three travel-size scents in complementary notes) is a sweet, celebratory take on the best-selling Be Delicious perfume; Nina by Nina Ricci Gold Edition (\$54) is a fruity floral blend of citrus and musk topped with a red toffee apple note.



## No Stain, No Gain

Petite and pretty enough to stash in the daintiest evening clutch, Tarte's mini Natural Cheek Stains (\$25 per set) are the ideal touch-up tools. Paraben- and preservative-free and infused with soothing acai, goji berry, and pomegranate extracts, they're gentle enough for lips, too.



# beauty buys

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*The best fix for frayed, fragile cuticles? Celeb manicurist Elle prefers Neosporin. Once they've healed, she then keeps them moisturized with conventional nail oil.*

## Katrina Cleanup

Take a bath—sort of—with Brad Pitt! The actor/activist and part-time New Orleans resident lends his name to Kiehl's Aloe Vera Biodegradable Liquid Body Cleanser (\$16.50), a dye- and sulfate-free wash that's loaded with good stuff like aloe, glycerin, and coconut, and served up in an entirely recycled bottle. Proceeds go to post-Katrina housing charity Make It Right.



## Hot Color Spin-Offs

Just as success spawns sequels in Hollywood, two blockbuster beauty products have popped up in new cosmetics: Clinique's famous Black Honey lip color inspires Black Honey High Impact Mascara (\$14) and Kohl eyeliner, while Nars's naughtily named Orgasm Blush lends its all-flattering peachy-pink hue to nail polish and an extra-shimmery Super Orgasm Blush (\$25).



## QUICK TIPS

Forever changing nail-polish colors? Sula's unique water-based formulas are for fickle-fingertip types. Pretty much chip-proof, they peel off easily when you want them to. To extend the life of the four vibrant shades (\$10 each), add any base and top coat.