



A FRESH TAKE ON THE french braid

NEXT TIME YOU'RE FACED WITH A BAD hair day, pull your locks into a red carpet-inspired French braid headband. To get the look, celebrity stylist Nick Penna Jr. of Boston's SalonCapri recommends starting with unwashed hair prepped with a dollop of styling cream. Beginning about an inch back from your hairline (or bangs if you have them), section off locks from temple to temple and create a French braid from one side of your head to the other. Secure with a pin above your ear; wear the rest of your hair down or in a pony.

The Hills' Lauren Conrad sparked the braid craze



Liquid-free products are tops for plane travel

SKIN-SAVING POWDERS

If you've ever had to toss a beloved beauty product because it went bad, check out the new powder-to-liquid formulas. Because they're dry until you rub them between your fingers, they stay fresh longer (bacteria need a moist environment to thrive). Try Mally Beauty Liquid Light Eye Brightener (\$25; qvc.com), Cosmedicine Speedy Recovery Acne Treatment Nighttime Blemish Powder (\$38; cosmedicine.com), and Dermalogica Extreme C (\$85; dermalogica.com for stores).



There's no toluene or formaldehyde inside



green living

PC POLISHES

If you hear "eco-friendly beauty product" and think of nature colors, like nude, check out the new hues from Sula, above (\$10; sulabeauty.com for stores). These eye-popping brights are water-based (odor-free!) and made to last a few days before being peeled off, eliminating the need for harsh removers. Your nails and nose will thank you.

sniff away the winter blues

This season's best blends are guaranteed to lift your spirits. Lilly Pulitzer Beachy (\$48 for 1.7 oz.; sephora.com) evokes summer days with watermelon and citrus notes. Van Cleef & Arpels Féeerie Eau de Parfum (\$150 for 3.3 oz.; neimanmarcus.com) enchants with an exotic woody fragrance. And Waterford Lismore Eau de Parfum Spray (\$90 for 3.4 oz.; waterford.com), with vanilla and musk, doubles as a vase after you've emptied it.



Spritz one of these from toe to head; scent rises