

oı — (Kojic acid)

Good for: Discoloration that lives deep in the skin, such as melasma

Although kojic acid is lauded for its ability to lighten dark spots, because it inhibits tyrosinase, this is one ingredient that works best when used in tandem with either glycolic acid or hydroquinone (other powerful skin brighteners).

Find it in: SkinCeuticals Phyto+, \$80, skinceuticals.com

Hydrating in nature, so it won't dry skin out, this kojic acid-rich serum improves both skin tone and skin health. Good for: Minimizing dark spots and preventing acne-induced pigment

Turmeric

One of the more natural options available, turmeric, which serves as an antioxidant, antibacterial and anti-inflammatory, improves skin tone and helps limit the bacteria that causes breakouts resulting in more evenly toned skin.

Find it in: Exuviance OptiLight All-Over Dark Spot Minimizer SPF 25, \$54, ulta.com

Not only does this skin corrector even out spots, but it also helps prevent new ones from forming, too.

the BEST discoloration Crasers

No matter which pigment-busting ingredient you choose to use, these have a proven track record.

33(Glycolic acid

Good for: Brown spots

When it comes to treating pigment in the skin, glycolic acid, in a peel or topical form, is effective.
Glycolic acid lifts up the "glue" that holds dead, discolored skin cells on the surface—the fewer discolored skin cells there are, the more even skin looks in color.

Find it in: Kat Burki Restorative Dual Acid Peel, \$125, nordstrom.com

This at-home brush-on peel is loaded with glycolic acid to reverse the look of discoloration while gently retexturizing skin so that it's smoother and clearer.

(Hydroquinone)

Good for: Serious discoloration

The gold standard and doctor go-to for getting rid of discoloration, hydroquinone is a chemical-based ingredient that works on tyrosinase to inhibit the production of melanin in skin. "Hydroquinone switches off melanocyte melanin production by as much as 90 percent, making it an effective skin lightener for treating severe pigmentation like melasma," says Dr. Obagi.

Find it in: Obagi Nu-Derm Clear, \$108, obagi.com

This prescription-strength hydroquinone works to lighten up all types of stubborn discoloration while hindering additional pigment from surfacing.





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Halo, halobysciton.com

About 30 minutes is all it takes to reap the benefits. Once the dead cells shed, skin gleams and glows.

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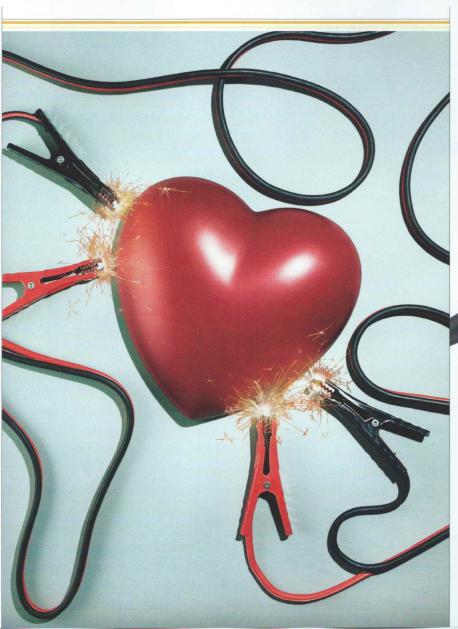




MOST POWERFUL AT-HOME PEEL

Dr. Dennis Gross Skincare Alpha Beta Universal Daily Peel, \$88, sephora.com

A NewBeauty editor favorite, this at-home, five-acid peel packs a powerful punch and is the next best thing to Dr. Gross's popular in-office peel. The two-step treatment leaves skin noticeably smoother, less red, more even in texture and with fewer breakouts.



THE BEST OVERALL FACE BRIGHTENER

SkinMedica Lytera Skin Brightening Complex, \$130, skinmedica.com

A potent skin brightener in a bottle that's said to be as effective as 4-percent hydroquinone, this dark spot-reducing cream floods skin with antioxidants and moisture for a complete skin transformation.

THE SOUPED-UP STYLING TOOL

Beachwaver Co. Beachwaver S1, \$129, ulta.com

Celebrity hairstylist Sarah Potempa could definitely be one of the smartest women in the hair-care industry. She created this "does the work for you" curling iron that literally curls your hair with the touch of a button—next to no work is required on your part and you get perfect curls and waves.