

# Beauty Stuff

By Jami Tryer



**C**oal. That's what I typically get in my stocking. No need to check twice. I've been bad. However, on the good years, I almost wish I could pick my own stocking stuffers — ones that I had been eyeing over a stretch of 364 long days — ones that speak to me and my specific needs and wants. I know, not what the holiday is all about. Well, you better watch out, there are some pretty great beauty products and ideas (with local roots) that would tickle just about any gal. Because there's nothing really like receiving a gift when you know that the gift-giver truly thought about your personal needs and likes. Here are a few of our niche favorite unique beauty stuffers!

## Stand By Your Tan

New to Center City Philadelphia this year, Sun Myst Tanning Studios specialize in customized airbrushing, and they have the Mystic Spray Booth (the real deal) which gives you an instant tan in less than sixty seconds! Wow! You can feel like a celeb, and schedule an in-home airbrush tan, or host your own airbrush party and the host is free! They also offer the "Cocktail" which is an eight-minute turbo tan followed by an airbrush or mystic. They were featured in Allure Magazine recently as one of the top fifteen places to get an airbrush tan. Customized airbrushing means one-on-one special attention. Tip: wear a thong and topless — they've got good ventilation. Every inch of you will dry a sexy bronze hue. See results right away! But best to wait eight hours. What's the active ingredient? DHA is an FDA approved natural substance derived from sugarcane plants. Get that "I've been to Miami" look at 209 South 20th between Locust and Walnut. Call (215) 545-5010. Ask for my buddy, Marilyn Kellmer. Bottom Line: I love winter white, just not when

it's all over my body. Plan a sexy night with your significant other and explain that a hot tan goes really well with nothing at all. Drop hints around how gift certificates would make such a nice stocking stuffer!

## For the Curly Girlie

In 1987 Wendi Levy graduated with me from Atlantic City High. She was/is gorgeous and entrepreneurial. I knew that one day she'd hit it big, and alas, she has. She's teamed up with LA friend Kim Etheredge (also gorge) to create a distinctive hair care product line. Whether you're African-American, White, Asian, Latin, Mediterranean, or any glorious combination of the above, you'll love the way these non-sticky, lightweight, products leave your hair inviting to touch as they define and lock moisture into every curl. The "Mixed Chicks" product line invites all women to be a proud part of their respective, multiracial movements — the shampoos and leave-in conditioners are as great as the company's philosophy! Call (818) 461.8160 or log on to: mixedchicks.net. Lose the frizz, keep the curl! Bottom Line: Leave the homepage of mixed chicks website on hubby's computer — he'll get it...unless he's as thick as your hair!



## Making Up is The Best Part

Ursula Augustine never set out to be a makeup artist. The North Philly native, forty-five, studied computers at St. Joseph's University with the intention of becoming a computer programmer. It wasn't until she started applying her friends' makeup in her college dorm room that Augustine realized she had a talent for making people pretty. This past year, she opened About PHace, a professional makeup salon at 17th and Sansom Streets. Augustine has developed her own makeup and skin-care line: Ursula's About PHace Antioxidant, Vitamin and Mineral Cosmetic. (The "PH" is for both the pH balancing of the skin and Philly.) The premise behind the make up is simple. It's all about going back to basics. People are doing too much, microderm, sandblasting, chemical peels, and if their skin could talk, it would say, "Stop!" About PHace is a natural-based skin-care and makeup line that regulates pH. Clients can see the results because we test pH before and after. Expect an herbal tea station and a meditation area outfitted with titanium mats and cushions that offer lumbar support. Tall vases made of banana bark sit on bookshelves. In the back is a studio replete with natural light. Get signature make-over is \$75.

At About PHace, she says, "Makeovers are face lifts." Something happens when people get a makeover that makes them feel so good," Augustine said. "I like taking people to the level I know they can be at, but that they don't know that

they can be at." Bottom Line: Hint about how gift certificates are available. You can use them either for products or services! 1700 Sansom Street, 2nd floor, 267-546-6617; aboutphace.biz.

## Skin is In

Main Line mom, entrepreneur, and daughter of Flyers/Sixers owner Ed Snider isn't a talker. She's a doer. After seeing the harsh skin effects of radiation and chemotherapy on friends (including singer/songwriter Lauren Hart), Snider founded Lindi Skin — a line of skin-care products specifically formulated for cancer patients. Today, half of Lindi's customers are non-patients who appreciate the line's antioxidant and anti-aging ingredients. I sampled most of her extraordinary products over a four-week period (even though I am not undergoing radiation) and was amazed at the results. The Face Serum particularly blew me away. The company's philosophy? Feeling good about yourself is important anytime, but especially when experiencing side effects from cancer treatments. Lindi Skin is dedicated to developing a complete line of skin care products specifically formulated for people (men too) undergoing chemotherapy or radiation treatment. Created in conjunction with renowned scientists, patients, cancer survivors, and leading doctors, their products are excellent for anyone interested in high-quality skin care. They have designed attractive packaging that looks like the high-end cosmetic skin care line that it is. People on treatment who use Lindi Skin products continue to use them long after treatment has been completed. Bottom Line: Sadly, most of us know someone who has been affected by the harsh effects of treatments. Bottom Line: Do something extremely thoughtful and stuff a very special stocking this year. It will make you feel good that you're making someone else feel good.

Call (610) 649-3900 for a catalog; or log onto [lindiskin.com](http://lindiskin.com) to order products.

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