

### Mádara Weightless Sun Milk SPF20, £22.95

By combining zinc oxide with aloe vera and raspberry seed oil, this mineral sunscreen glides on seamlessly and avoids white marks.



### Dr Sam's Flawless Daily Sunscreen SPF50, £29

The inclusion of niacinamide brightens sun spots and clears pores, so you end up with better skin than you started out with.



### Kiehl's Ultra Light Daily UV Defense Aqua Gel SPF50, £28 (Spacenk.com)

This boasts antioxidant vitamin E, but also forms a shine-free film to prevent pollutants from entering pores. A city-skin saviour.



### Shiseido BB Sports Compact SPF50+, £34 (Fabled.com)

Pigments neutralise redness from exercising while Wet Force technology reinforces the protective SPF50 film.



### Sisley Super Stick Solaire Tinted Sun Care SPF50+, £76

Pocket size, plus it doubles up as a tinted moisturiser thanks to the camellia oil and self-adjusting colour.



### La Roche-Posay Anthelios Shaka Ultra-Light SPF50+, £16.50

Oil-capturing polymers and mattifying powders control grease, while spring water soothes sun-sensitive skin.



### Dior Bronze Beautifying Protective Crème Sublime Glow SPF50, £27.50

Mineral filters to thwart UV rays? Tick. Antioxidants? Double tick. The carob extract to intensify your tan also deserves a mention.



### Clarins Invisible Sun Care Gel-to-Oil for Face SPF30, £20 (Johnlewis.com)

It's made with high-tech filters and antioxidant plants, including baobab and senna, which are also hydrating.



## SKIN SOS

# Screen siren

You know you have to wear it, but the gloopy texture and white residue makes SPF hard to love. Meet the new breed of facial sunscreens that are truly invisible on application

**'Invisible'. Probably the last word you'd choose to describe sunscreen,** which has historically been sticky, pore-clogging and left white smears. But this summer, suncare is suddenly oh-so sheer it glides over the skin as light as coconut water. 'The latest formulas have a non-greasy texture, which is cosmetically invisible on the skin,' says consultant dermatologist Dr Hiva Fassihi. 'They won't leave behind a chalky cast, so you're more likely to want to use them every day.' So, what's changed? Sunscreens that contain mineral filters such as zinc to block UV rays (which were the worst offenders when it came to telltale streaks) have now been blended with moisturisers such as aloe vera for added slip and into tinted creams for days when you feel like skipping foundation. Also, groundbreaking ingredients

like La Roche-Posay's intelligent polymers have raised the bar when it comes to a barely there texture. 'These polymers are made up of oil molecules, which contain the sunscreen filters. They're surrounded by water molecules, so the oil doesn't touch the skin or cause greasiness,' says Dr Fassihi. Another improvement to today's formulas is that they feel more like a serum, thanks to the inclusion of skincare ingredients such as niacinamide, a sun spot brightener. And with good reason, too: 'Wearing sunscreen can improve existing wrinkles and pigmentation,' says dermatologist Dr Sam Bunting. 'If you free skin up from needing to protect itself from UV rays, it gets down to the business of repair. Adding skincare ingredients to the formula speeds up that process.'