



Voya Balancing Act Soothing Facial Serum, £51

Some serums for oily skin barely moisturise at all. This gel uses seaweed proteins to keep oil levels in check, and lavender to heal blemishes, yet still manages not to skimp on hydration. Worth every penny.



Editor's pick

La Roche-Posay Effaclar Duo (+) Unifiant, £16.50

Spot treatments are usually like nude bras: necessary but unsexy. Not this one. It left me with zero shine all day, soothed away redness and, because the formula is tinted, it even blurred large pores. I'm converted.



Oil busters



Can a shine-free T-zone ever be yours if you have oily skin? Acting Beauty Editor **FIONA EMBLETON** ditches the blotting paper to find out...

SkinCeuticals Mineral Matte UV Defense, £39

Mineral sunblocks are great for mattifying, thanks to oil-absorbing titanium dioxide. Only apply this to your T-zone as the texture is similar to heavy foundation and prevents light reflection. Use your usual SPF for the rest of your face.



Sisley Intensive Serum, £103

This mops up oil and unclogs pores with purifying ingredients such as java tea and salicylic acid. It leaves a slightly dewy finish – but in a good way, not in an “I just got soaked running for the bus” way.



The Body Shop Tea Tree Anti-Imperfection Daily Solution, £11

The soothing aloe vera means you get all the spot-zapping benefits of tea tree without the harsh drying effects. I found the smell a bit overpowering, though.

