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 and a team of testers find out if the latest compacts measure up

Baby beautiful

skin care for kids



BEAUTY FLASH

Eau Thermale is a skin-care range based on thermal spring water that is so clear and pure it is recommended for sensitive, intolerant, hypersensitive and allergic skin. The water is piped directly from the spring in the village of Avene in southern France to the factory to ensure its purity is preserved. The range is quite extensive with something to suit all skin types. From selected pharmacies. Inquiries: 1800 816 735.

Babies mean big business when it comes to beauty. Not just for products to keep the mother-to-be and new mother looking and feeling their best, but also products to keep baby happy. A bottle of baby oil and powder used to be all that was needed next to the baby bath. Now you can expect to see names that belong on fingers rather than on a newborn.

Bvlgari, usually associated with fine jewellery, has a Petit et Mamans set that includes bath gel and shampoo, soaps and scents. Fragrance and cosmetics company Guerlain has Petit Guerlain eau de toilette for children aged three and up, and Eau de Senteur for babies. Someone in the Jurlique family (the company produces aromatherapy-based skin care for adults) had a baby recently – hence its expansion into baby skin care.

Baby Workshop, a successful aromatherapy company for little people – has now branched into natural soft toys and accessories, while Kosmea, which made its

name using rosehip in skin care, has expanded to include baby products.

Other companies dabbling in this high-demand area include Bloom with its rub-a-dub kit, and The Body Collection, which has a range for mother and child.

Mecca Cosmetics stocks Kiehl's children and baby products.



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The convenience of a foundation in a compact goes without saying, but can you get the same professional finish offered by a bottle foundation?



Guerlain Twin Set Compact \$90, 11g

While outstanding in its design and packaging, the foundation in this compact has an unusual consistency. Applied dry it has a fine satin finish, but when applied damp it is streaky and inconsistent. It offers very light coverage and takes time to apply. From department stores.

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Mirenésse Emulsion Pact \$39.90, 13g

A silky, light emulsion that goes on smoothly. Not quite foundation, not quite powder, it provides a very natural cover. Great packaging and a delicate citrus scent. Inquiries 1800 666 880.

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Pola Cosmetics Southern Call \$59, 14g

This compact gives a creamy, thick-textured finish, which makes it better for evening or those women who need extensive cover. It is good for dry skin as it moisturises well. Good packaging with flip lid to protect sponge. Inquiries: (03) 9529 5433.

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Estee Lauder Revelation Light-Responsive Compact Make-up SPF15 \$70, 13g

Compact comes in a neat, attractive case that is too big to carry around. Easily applied with a sponge, it gives non-greasy, extremely light coverage. If anything it is a little dry on application. From department stores.

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Chantecaille Real Skin Translucent Make-up \$90, 11g

This foundation is for women with near-perfect skin who just need to even out the tone. It has such an amazing texture you want to keep applying it which is a worry because you soon finish it. From David Jones.

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