

Skincare Review: Skin

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I discovered [Skin](#) unexpectedly one day while browsing through one of my favorite Kansas City boutiques, [Stuff](#). Stuff sells an eclectic array of art, jewelry, and collectibles from artists throughout the country, plus, evidently, skincare. Skin is a line of chemical-free skin and body care products created right here in the Kansas City area. Locally made products containing certified organic ingredients and premium essential oils? I couldn't resist. I picked up the basic oily skin regimen: [Lemon Aid Face Wash](#), [Lemon Fresh toner](#), and [Rosey Plum Day Moisturizer](#). Later, I went back for the [Apricot Mango Eye Cream](#) and the [Grapefruit Pom body lotion](#). I've been needing something to replace my old chemical-laden body lotions, so this was perfect.



Product diversity: Skin offers a full line of face and body products, including lip balms, hand creams, eye makeup remover, a cleansing scrub, hydrating face serum, body wash, body lotion, foot rub, salt scrub, detoxifying clay, and a healing calendula salve.

Quality of ingredients: All products are free of harmful chemicals, parabens, synthetic dyes and fragrances, chemical preservatives, phthalates, animal products, mineral oil, and sodium lauryl sulfate. Of 20 different products listed on the [Skin Deep Database](#), they all rate a phenomenal 0-1, lower than any other skincare line I have tried so far. The ingredients lists for all products are fairly short, which is always a good sign, as is the fact that all individual ingredients are easily recognizable: jojoba oil, olive oil, aloe vera, rosemary extract, tea tree oil, macadamia nut oil, and mango butter, to name a few. Most are certified organic.

Product experience: The products are lightweight, feel fresh and clean, and smell terrific. Really, what more could you want?

Pluses: I love Skin's philosophy and its commitment to providing nourishing products free of any harmful chemicals. The super-low scores on the Skin Deep Database give me confidence that I'm not putting anything harmful on my skin. Products look and feel great. And I love that I'm supporting a local company.

Minuses: Not many. There is only one serum, the [Hydrating Face Serum](#), which seems to work double duty as a hydrating and anti-aging treatment. I'm not really in need of additional hydration, but I might give it a try. In terms of oil control, the Rosey Plum Day Moisturizer doesn't perform quite as well as the [Boscia](#), but Skin's lower toxicity scores (and reasonable prices) make up for it.

Bottom line: In terms of product ingredients, this is the best I've seen so far. I'm really looking forward to trying more products. The product line is so diverse, there's plenty of stuff to try without getting bored with it.

Skin is also available at [Green Acres Market](#), a health food store in northern Kansas City, and online at [CarenOnline.com](#).