

THE GET GORGEOUS DIFT

deliver vitamins and nutrients to your body can do amazing things for your hair and skin. Try these super-effective natural ingredients and you'll start to notice the benefits almost immediately.

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BEING BEAUTIFUL ON THE OUTSIDE

starts with how you're nourishing yourself on the inside. "I often tell my patients to change their eating habits before I prescribe other treatments," savs Alan M. Dattner, M.D., a holistic dermatologist in New York. But now you can reap similar rewards by applying fruits, vegetables, and spices topically too. "Food-based ingredients are popping up in products because they're powerful anti-agers," says Howard Murad, M.D., author of The Water Secret. "And they're often gentler than chemical ingredients." So do your looks a favor and fill your beauty-and grocerycart with these fresh picks today.

(\$43; origins.com). Some beauty products, like StriVectin-SD Intensive Concentrate for Stretch Marks & Wrinkles (\$135: strivectin.com), even use Swiss apple stem cells to repair DNA damage and improve skin's texture and tone.

Rinsing your hair with apple cider vinegar removes product buildup and restores shine

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Murad.

GINGER Many of us sip ginger ale or suck on lozenges infused with the spicy root to calm an upset stomach. But beauty companies are turning to the ingredient for its hydrating and mild antibacterial properties. "Ginger's been shown to increase blood flow," says Ole Henriksen, an aesthetician who whips up food-based skin treatments at his spa in Los Angeles. "Improved circulation helps skin hold onto moisture and stave off wrinkles," says Murad, whose Murad Refreshing Cleanser (\$30;

> murad.com) contains moisturizing Hawaiian white ginger. Carol's **Daughter Lemon Ginger** Mint Manicure (\$14; carolsdaughter.com) is infused with ginger to condition cuticles and prevent infection.

Grate ginger into warm water for a muscle-soothing foot soak

BROWN RICE

Nutritionists sing this whole grain's praises because of its disease-fighting nutrients (vitamin E and fiber), but for beauty experts, brown rice gets props for its hydrating powers. "A humectant, it attracts moisture to your skin," says Murad, "swelling dehydrated cells and making you look younger." Brown rice is used in Payot Design Lift Regard Triple Performance Eye Cream (\$59; beauty360.com) to help plump and smooth crow's feet. "It's also an excellent exfoliant," says Henriksen. "Scrubs with brown rice remove dead cells without stripping skin of its natural

oils." Try MD Skincare **Antioxidant Enzyme Buff** (\$29; mdskincare.com), a body slougher that leaves skin feeling silky.

Brown rice also contains silica-a building-block mineral for hair, skin, and nails



ROSEMA

The fragrant herb that transforms chicken dishes can do the same thing for you from tress to toe. "Rosemary is an antiinflammatory that constricts blood vessels, reducing redness and swelling," says Murad. Used in Aveda Botanical Kinetics Hydrating Lotion (\$32; aveda.com), it helps to soothe dry, irritated skin. Constricting those capillaries has the added benefit of slowing down sebum production, which can curb breakouts. That's why the ingredient is also in cleansers. such as Aveeno Positively Nourishing **Energizing Body Wash** (\$7; at drugstores). In hair products like Victoria's Secret So Sexy

Curl Shape & Define Curl Cream (\$14; victoriassecret .com), rosemary fends off the UV-rays that cause color fading. Plus, it keeps your

strands smelling and looking fresh longer.

Rosemary was used in ancient times to lessen inflammatory conditions like arthritis

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Smoothie Antioxidant Lip Colour (\$18; clinique.com), which gives your pout a subtle berry hue while helping to prevent lip lines. Açai

can also protect your tresses from

color fading and brassiness. The

antioxidants in Herbal Essences

Color Me Happy 2 in 1 Shampoo

and Conditioner (\$5; at drugstores)

coat the hair shaft, creating a shield

against sun and oxidative damage.

GURT Turns out this protein- and calcium-filled breakfast staple is good for the skin as well as the stomach. "Yogurt contains lactic acid, which gently sloughs away dead cells, encouraging collagen and elastin production," says Murad. Lactic acid is also moisturizing, making it perfect for sensitive skin that can't tolerate more aggressive acids or scrubs. Find it in Dial Yogurt Apricot & Almond Nourishing Body Wash (\$7; at drugstores), The Body Deli Peaches & Cream Masque (\$24; thebodydeli.com), and Melvita Sebum Balancing Fluid (\$29; usa.melvita.com).

Got a burn? Smear on a little plain yogurt—the lactic acid (and the cold temperature) reduces inflammation



Coconut oil is easily absorbed by skin cellsit mimics the natural oils made by your body.



A bath with coconut milk smooths dry skin

The scent of this tropical fruit may remind you of a summery umbrella drink, but coconut has benefits that go beyond that relaxed vacation vibe. Many hand soaps, facial cleansers, and shampoos are swapping in gentle coconutderived sudsing agents instead of harsher ones, like sodium laurel sulfate. "They break down

dirt and oils, but won't strip away hair color or rob your skin of moisture," says Vermén M. Verallo-Rowell, M.D., author of RX: Coconuts! (The Perfect Health Nut). Try Malie **Organics Coconut Vanilla** Body Wash (\$28; malie .com). The fruit is also a top-notch moisturizer. "Coconut oil is easily absorbed by skin cells because it mimics

the fatty acids found in the natural oils made by your body," she says. "Yet coconut oil won't clog pores the way some synthetic hydrators can." Check out J.R. Watkins **Naturals Shea Butter Body Cream** (\$10; jrwatkins.com), and L'Oréal Professionel Masque Cacao (\$33; us.lorealprofessionnel.com), a hair treatment with coconut oil that will nourish your locks without weighing them down.

BEE | 5 This root veggie is more than a colorful side dish; beets are loaded with zinc and vitamin C-nutrients that boost the immune system and the production of skinfirming tissues collagen and elastin. For example, Ilike Organic Skin Care Blackthorn Toner (\$54; organicskincaresource.com) combines beet-derived vitamin C with soothing blackthorn berries, making it effective for tightening pores and softening fine lines for those with easily-irritated skin. Beets also lend their skin-smoothing effects to scrubs like O!Sentials Pomegranate Sorbet Body Scrub (\$23; ooohlalabath

> .com), pictured below. In Burt's Bees Super Shiny Grapefruit and Sugar Beet Shampoo (\$8; at drugstores), the veggie's extracts repair damaged hair.

Beets lend a pretty hue to blushes and lipsticks in some natural makeup lines

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