

Green Clean and Sheen: Natural Beauty Products

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Greenbody Greenplanet

What: Shampoos and conditioners (\$22 for 8 oz.) in two formulations -- energizing and revitalizing, which are available both scented and unscented. The toxin-free line was developed by hairstylist/salon owner Lorri Weisen.

The verdict: Hair felt clean and had bounce. The fragrance-free option is a bonus for those with sensitive noses.

More info: greenbodygreenplanet.com



Galen Labs

What: A line of all-natural skin care products (\$12 up to \$32) based on the writings of Claudius Galen, an ancient Greek physician. With vitamins A, C and E, the line claims to counteract the effects of eczema and rosacea. Kevin Olson of Minneapolis developed Galen Labs; products are made in Buffalo, Minn.

The verdict: Whipped shea cream (\$32) has a dreamy texture (must be all that whipping), smells amazing and soothes the skin.

More information: www.galenlabs.com. It's also available at several local salons and retailers, including the Wedge, 2105 Lyndale Av. S., Mpls., 612-871-3993.



Nontoxique

What: Foot and hand products developed by Sheila Mossberg of Minneapolis. A professional manicurist, Mossberg became sick from the chemicals in beauty products, so she created her own line (\$16 to \$36).

The verdict: Fingers and toes have never been so pampered. The scrub leaves hands smooth, especially the Daytime Crème, with anti-aging ingredients such as kiwi extract and mowrah butter, and a sweet orange and anise scent.

More information: www.nontoxique.com

