

**Tap that! The beauty shower**

Chlorine bad, vitamin C good. It's the beauty basic that gave quick-thinking designers at NZ lifestyle company **Methven** the idea for the [5] Maia Satinjet Beauty Shower (\$349, www.reece.com.au), a shower head that filters out caustic chlorine while infusing water with vitamin C.

The anti-fade, hydrating upsides for coloured hair are obvious. But dermatologist tests have also recorded smoother, less flaky skin – even fewer flare-ups for eczema sufferers. We're loving the facial-massage function and the three-star water conservation rating too. Install a dream!

**Glammiest gadget: the singing makeup bag**

It never takes much to upsell us on Stila makeup. Truth be told, we'd want the portable [6] Stila Makeup Player – fitted with a foundation, eyeshadow trio and brush, lip glaze and one of those nifty convertible lip/cheek colours we love – even if it

didn't come with a special jack for our iPod. Currently it's only available in the US (www.stilacosmetics.com), but we're lobbying Stila's Aussie stockist, Mecca Cosmetics, to bring it out here.

**Big boy toy: Ultherapy**

The most-wanted machine in skin doctors' surgeries: The Ulthera.

Dr Warwick Nettle, trailblazing Sydney specialist (Silkwood Medical, www.silkwoodmedical.com.au), says the non-surgical ultrasound Ultherapy treatment is the most effective non-surgical facial renovator there is. We're all ears! Give us the gist, doc.

"We heat the collagen in the deep part of the dermis, so you then get the healing and tightening tissue contraction, like you do with laser or Thermage, but without damaging the surface layer of the skin," says Nettle. "It's extremely reliable, very targeted and extraordinarily safe. I can't think of any reason you couldn't use it."

Most effective as an anti-gravitational measure in your 30s and 40s, it best

catches the early signs of sagging. Jowls, neck, brows and even eyelids – up with you! The only downsides: "It's not completely pain-free – it can be uncomfortable and the full effect shows in around 12 weeks." And there's that \$2500-plus price tag. Still, no surgery...

**Kookiest gizmo award goes to... the E-nailer**

No prizes for guessing it was spotted at a Tokyo trade fair. We kid you not: Harajuku girls can scan happy snaps or favourite images into the nail art machine and have them transferred onto their fingers (or toes). Our fave: the Mona Lisa on a mani. Probably not what da Vinci envisioned... ■



**THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT?**

Annoyingly, the antibacterial blue light-emitting application for spots is stuck in R&D. But we're downloading these to our iPhones now:

**Dermalogica Speed Mapping**

Get instant skin diagnostics, your personalised product description, and directions to the closest store.

**Dr Brandt** A back-of-taxi consult with NY-based dermal specialist Dr Frederic Brandt? Done. And it even has a UV gauge for an on-the-spot sun-risk assessment.

**O.P.I** The ultimate preview. Plug in the colour and finish you fancy, match the virtual hand to your skin tone and preview your mani before you commit. Too easy.