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The latest must-have skin care products seem to occupy either end of a spectrum that includes those made from exclusively natural ingredients and those that utilize the appliance of science to slough away imperfections. When you consider that a large percentage (around 60%) of the product you use is absorbed through your skin, those natural options start to look pretty good.

One local skin care business is proving that you don't have to forgo luxury to get your green on. **Blooming Lotus**, based in the Crossroads, offers products that are paraben-, petroleum- and cruelty-free, and use no synthetic ingredients but plenty of organic ones. But in addition to their eco-friendly credentials, they're also beautifully packaged (the cobalt-blue bottles protect the ingredients from the damaging effects of light), feel fabulous on your skin and smell heavenly, thanks to the use of essential oils. The line includes soaps, body scrubs, moisturizers, massage lotions and bath salts, as well as a range of mom-and-baby products and apothecary items such as all-natural insect repellent and 'boo-boo' salve.

The buzz about Blooming Lotus is already spreading—recently the "Today" show named its bar soap one of the best all-natural body care products. **Blooming Lotus**, 130 W. 10th St., 816-444-4735 or www.bloominglotus.com



Blooming Lotus Fairy Fresh Body Shampoo, \$15, Sublime Aromatherapy Mist, \$12, and Sore Muscle Soak, \$16, all available from Blooming Lotus.



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