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The 13 Best “Botox in a Bottle” Skincare Products, According to Dermatologists

You don’t always need an in-office appointment for line-smoothing results

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The phrase “Botox in a bottle” has become the catch-all for a new generation of skincare products designed to simultaneously smooth, firm, and plump fine lines without the prick of a needle. Featuring **peptide-infused formulas**, **high-performance barrier creams**, and more, these skin favorites aim to deliver results that echo in-office treatments, with a more accessible, appointment-free path to rejuvenated skin. But, how closely do these products actually compare?

First, it's important to understand what **Botox** actually does. “Botox is an injectable treatment used to relax targeted muscle groups,” board-certified dermatologist **Chang Son** tells *Bazaar*. “Botox in a bottle’ refers to topical, typically at-home products that claim to deliver similar anti-aging benefits, such as wrinkle prevention and smoother skin texture.” While many of these top formulas can deliver visible improvements, Son notes that “Botox in a bottle” is ultimately a marketing phrase, as botulinum toxin cannot be applied topically to replicate the results or immediacy of injectables. Still, that doesn't mean they're not worth incorporating into your routine.

Our Top Picks:

- **Best with Peptides: SkinCeuticals P-Tiox**
- **Best for K-Beauty Lovers: Medicube PDRN Pink Peptide Serum**
- **Most TikTok Famous: Innbeauty Project Extreme Cream**

Many of today's most talked-about formulas rely on advanced ingredients to support smoother, more refined-looking skin over time. As dermatologist **Debbie Palmer** explains, “Botox in a bottle products often use peptides, primarily Argireline (acetyl hexapeptide-3/8), that mimic neuromodulators like Botox by inhibiting neurotransmitters to slightly relax muscles, but they do not match the muscle-freezing results or duration of injectables.”

When used consistently, formulas from expert-loved brands like Chanel and Skinceuticals make for a compelling option for anyone looking to maintain results between treatments, ease into preventative care, or, like me, avoid the work of needles altogether. Here, we've rounded up some of the best “Botox in a bottle” products that professionals recommend to seamlessly transform your skin.

BEST WITH PEPTIDES

SkinCeuticals P-Tiox



\$150

BLU MERCURY

This lightweight, clinically backed formula targets fine lines with a potent blend of peptides designed to smooth and refine skin over time. Palmer notes, it's "a great needle-free at-home treatment option," with studies showing visible improvements in smoothness and radiance.

- **Best for:** smoothing wrinkles, achieving glass-like skin
- **Key ingredients:** antioxidants, peptides, niacinamide

Customer review: "I decided to try P-Tiox because it was recommended by a doctor at the skin clinic to her clients. After my 1st bottle I can feel and see the difference. And I am on my 3rd or 4th bottle. Just a week ago, I was on face time with my sister and a relative. And she asked me what do I put on my face. I told her some serum I found online. I call it my miracle water." —*Aqua*

MOST TIKTOK FAMOUS

Innbeauty Project Extreme Cream



\$50

SEPHORA

Bazaar editors are big fans of Innbeauty Project's viral Extreme Cream moisturizer, thanks to its lifting and firming effects. The formula uses a

knockout punch of peptides, bio-retinol, and ceramides to reduce skin sagging and wrinkles while fortifying its moisture barrier.

- **Best for:** Firming facial contours, fine lines and wrinkles
- **Key ingredients:** Peptides, bio-retinol, ceramides

Customer review: “I am on my third refill, and this is by far the best moisturizer I’ve used. My skin is happier, healthier, and firmer. It’s expensive, but my skin is worth it.” – *Cynthle*

BEST FOR ELASTICITY

U Beauty

The Smooth Dynamic Wrinkle Defense Serum



\$168

UBEAUTY.COM

There's a reason U Beauty named this formula the smooth serum. Along with minimizing visible fine lines and wrinkles, the routine favorite also guards against future signs of aging and environmental stressors while enhancing skin elasticity. Plus, the versatile serum even helps optimize the moisture barrier.

- **Best for:** Fine lines and wrinkles, firming, texture
- **Key ingredients:** Multi-peptide complex, vegan silk protein, centella exosomes

Customer review: "This serum has a lightweight texture that absorbs quickly and blends seamlessly into my skincare routine. It leaves my skin feeling smoother and more refined without causing irritation, even with daily use." — *Mari D.*

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BEST FOR K-BEAUTY LOVERS

Medicube

Salmon DNA PDRN Pink Peptide Serum



This viral K-beauty serum taps into PDRN technology to boost hydration and refine skin texture for a smoother, more luminous finish. “I have been impressed by topical PDRN (polydeoxyribonucleotide) products for their ability to improve hydration and skin texture,” says Son.

- **Best for:** improving uneven skin tone, boosting elasticity, plumping skin
- **Key ingredients:** salmon DNA PDRN, peptide complex

Customer review: “I seriously feel like I found the Holy Grail! I've tried so many products to help diminish my facial wrinkles and make my face look brighter and more hydrated. This is it. This did it. It will be a staple in my skincare routine forever.” —*Robyn*

BEST UNDER \$15

The Ordinary

Argireline Solution 10%



\$10

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NORDSTROM

Palmer notes that argireline is one of the most effective “Botox in a bottle” ingredients, and this budget-friendly formula uses it as a star ingredient to

improve the appearance of dynamic folds around the eyes and forehead.

- **Best for:** Fine lines and wrinkles
- **Key ingredients:** Argireline peptide complex

Customer review: “I've noticed an immediate effect from using a couple of drops on my forehead morning and night. I have a very expressive face and can get lines on my forehead as a result. I've never used Botox, so this isn't a comparison. What I like is how it helps me move my forehead less.” —*AlyG42*

BEST PLASMA-INSPIRED

Dr. Diamond's Metacine Instafacial Plasma Bioactive Growth Factor Serum



\$200

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This growth factor serum is created by plastic surgeon Jason Diamond and inspired by his signature laser and microneedling-based Diamond Instafacial. The serum version, however, is formulated with bioengineered human identical growth factors to encourage skin rejuvenation and repair. Along with providing skin with a more lifted, vibrant appearance, the serum also absorbs quickly and layers well with other skincare products or under makeup.

- **Best for:** Skin firmness, texture, tone
- **Key ingredients:** Growth factors, peptides, copper peptide, hyaluronic acid

Customer review: “I’ve noticed a kind of airbrushed look to my skin as the tiny lines and wrinkles have virtually disappeared. I was pleasantly surprised because I do spend a lot on skincare and wondered if I hit a plateau regarding results. Very happy with the results.” — *Maura*

BEST FOR FINE LINES

Dr. Brandt
Wrinkle Release Serum



\$68

DRBRANDTSKINCARE.COM

This serum marks the third version of Dr. Brandt's beloved Wrinkle Release formula, targeting fine lines all over the face. From forehead wrinkles and crow's feet to smile and vertical brow lines, signs of aging won't stand a chance against its hardworking formula that gives skin a fast-acting smoothing effect.

- **Best for:** Fine lines and wrinkles, skin texture, lift
- **Key ingredients:** Vegan PDRN, adenosine, multi-active tightening complex

Customer review: "I've been using this the past week 2x a day, and I've noticed a difference in the lines around my mouth and marionette areas." —*Laura W.*

BEST FOR SAGGING SKIN

SkinMedica TNS Advanced+ Serum



\$295

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Powered by peptides and growth factors, this advanced serum supports firmer, smoother-looking skin while improving tone and texture with consistent use. Plus, since a little of SkinMedica's serum goes a long way, it's easy to work into your nighttime routine.

- **Best for:** Fine lines and wrinkles

- **Key ingredients:** Growth factor blend (TNS-MR)

Customer review: “I love this serum. It is both soothing and repairing. Lines smooth out, pink cheeks emerge, and a lift materializes.” —*Lanie*

BEST OVERNIGHT TREATMENT

Remedy for Healthy Aging

Healthy Aging Advanced Serum



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Consider Remedy's Healthy Aging Advanced Serum your skin's goodnight kiss, since it's applied right before bed. The serum uses nine powerful ingredients, including encapsulated retinol, glycolic acid, and resveratrol, to smooth texture and even tone while addressing loss of firmness and boosting elasticity. And since it was created by a dermatologist, it's also expert-backed, too.

- **Best for:** Evening skin tone, texture, fine lines and wrinkles, elasticity, firmness
- **Key ingredients:** Encapsulated retinol, retinaldehyde, glycolic acid, niacinamide, Matrixyl 3000, ceramides, ferulic acid

Customer review: "I am an old lady of 67. I've been using this for about 6 weeks. Because I have sensitive skin, I started using it every other night, before using it every night. My fine wrinkles have diminished. My 'age spots' have lightened. My skin is well hydrated, though I do moisturize & slug after." — *Nancy*

BEST REFILLABLE

Drunk Elephant

Protini Polypeptide Firming Refillable Moisturizer



\$72

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\$72

DRUNKELEPHANT.COM

Packed with peptides and amino acids, Drunk Elephant's beloved Protini moisturizer helps restore skin's elasticity and firmness. Of course, the top-rated favorite also delivers nongreasy, long-lasting hydration. And did we mention that its packaging is earth-friendly and refillable?

- **Best for:** Skin firmness, texture, tone
- **Key ingredients:** Signal peptide complex, pygmy waterlily stem cell, soybean folic acid ferment extract

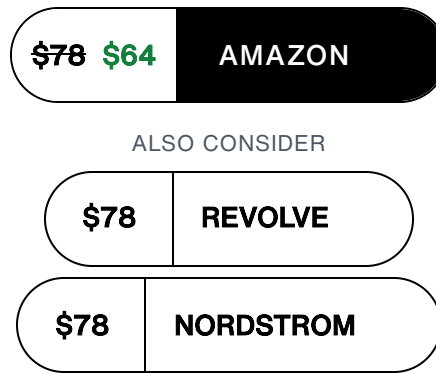
Customer review: "The Protini Polypeptide Firming Moisturizer has been one of my all-time favorites, especially during the winter. The texture is lightweight and creamy, absorbs quickly, and never feels greasy. My skin feels noticeably smoother, firmer, and more comfortable throughout the day. It provides great hydration without feeling heavy, and my skin looks healthier and more balanced with consistent use." —*Apalomino*

BEST FOR MOISTURE BARRIER

Dr Dennis Gross Skincare
DermInfusions Fill + Repair Serum



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You won't need to head to your dermatologist's office for filler after using this plumping and fast-acting serum from Dr Dennis Gross. It contains four weights of hyaluronic acid for supreme plumpness, and reduces the size of its water molecules—known as its aMicroCelle Delivery system—for deeper, more concentrated skin absorption.

- **Best for:** Plumpness, fine lines and wrinkles, moisture barrier function, sagging skin
- **Key ingredients:** Niacinamide, hyaluronic acid, ectoin, peptides

Customer review: “Love this product! Lovely smell and texture absorbs quickly and have had noticeable improvement in fine lines and texture of my skin!” — *Jessica*

BEST LUXE

Chanel

Le Lift Pro Concentré Contours Serum



\$275

CHANEL

Another of my go-to “Botox in a bottle” products, Chanel’s high-performance serum combines cutting-edge firming technology with a sensorial, ultra-luxe

finish to visibly refine contours and soften deeper lines. I felt an instant difference in my skin after using this for the first time—it's like wearing an invisible corset for the face.

- **Best for:** Tightening, hydrating
- **Key ingredients:** Hyaluronic acid, melipona enzymatic

Customer review: “I have sensitive, older skin, and this new Lift Pro line has been perfect for me!” —*Expertcheff*

BEST UNDER \$30

L'Oréal Paris

Revitalift Triple Power Age-Defying Serum



\$25

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\$20

AMAZON

\$20

WALMART

This multitasking drugstore staple firms, hydrates, and improves skin texture over time, making it an accessible entry point into more advanced anti-aging skincare.

- **Best for:** Reducing wrinkles, firming, brightening
- **Key ingredients:** Tri-peptides, hyaluronic acid, vitamin C

Customer review: “Hydrating, brightening, on my 49-year-old skin. The texture is silky and is beautifully packaged. My new go-to for smoother, more even skin tone.” —*Michelle*