

#### THE CLEAR WINNER

Dry skin isn't immune to breakouts. Flakes that tend to sit on top of this type of skin can add pimple-forming matter to pores, says Jody A. Levine, M.D., a derm in NYC. Use a soap-free exfoliant such as Peter Thomas Roth Blemish Buffing Beads, \$35, every two to three days.

### flawless skin

**have it today** At-home peel pads dissolve pore-clogging dead skin cells. Rub one onto skin, then spot-treat pimples with a benzoyl peroxide gel to zap bacteria, says David Colbert, M.D., a dermatologist in New York City. Using a pointy brush, dot on concealer; solids such as Maybelline Cover Stick, \$6, offer the most coverage.

**keep it forever** Spot-treating works in a pinch, but preventing acne means attending to the entire face every day. Melt away dead cells and oil with a salicylic or glycolic acid cleanser (try Desert Essence Pomegranate Facial Cleansing Gel, \$15). Follow with an antiacne lotion made with sulfur, such as PCA Skin Clearskin, \$27.