



HandyHealing

Sometimes, you just need a good solid staple. Hand moisturizer is one of those items that you can develop a die-hard allegiance to, and the reigning champ at the VNHQ is officially **Earth Science** Purfection Hand Cream. With a rich, luxurious feel and clean, relaxing scent, this cream is cruelty- and paraben-free, and never tested on animals, meaning that it hits all our markers for excellence. Since it arrived in the office, our hands have never looked healthier.

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PourSome SugarOnMe

From hot-lava temps to overly aggressive technicians, getting a great wax is somewhat akin to finding the Holy Grail. **Shobha**, one of New York City's top-rated salons, has perfected the hair-removal experience, and its new Sugaring Kit brings the spa home with you. Reusable denim strips and mostly organic ingredients ensure an eco-friendly experience, you control the sugar's temp, and when you're through, the sugar washes away with water.

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BigTimeBrownies

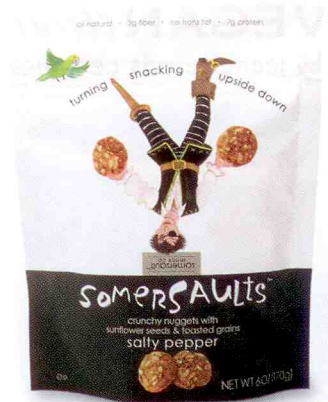
Brownies are a big part of life at the VNHQ. We love desserts of all stripes, but brownies hold a special place on our plates. Imagine our delight when **The Inspired Cookie** launched Brownie Bliss, a gluten-free, wheat-free brownie that just so happens to be one of the tastiest we've ever tried. Rich chocolate combines with a perfect texture in these heavenly treats. We've certainly been inspired—to eat more brownies.

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MerryMacaroons

The saying goes that blondes have more fun, and after trying **Hail Merry's** rich, flavorful Blonde Macaroons, we think we finally understand how that rumor took root. These raw, gluten-free, bite-sized wonders are crafted with simple, organic ingredients including shredded coconut, almond flour, and coconut oil, and pack a sweet, surprisingly healthful punch. We were floored to discover that these dainty desserts clock in at only 70 calories per cookie—so yes, we'll pretty much be eating them after every meal. Not only is the taste tantalizing, but these soft, crumbly treats also achieve perfect macaroon texture.

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ShipShape Snacks

Crunchy? Check. Salty? Check. Peppery? Check. Vegan, high-protein, and addictive? You bet. We write, of course, of the new line of **Somersault Snacks Co.**, particularly the Salty Pepper flavor. From the whimsical and piratey packaging to the sunflower-seed-derived protein, these snacks are just the thing for taking along to a movie, munching on while studying, or pretty much any other time something savory calls your name.

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SweetScent

If there's anything that makes us love an already-great product more, it's when the company that produces it is an Etsy success story. From a shop on the popular DIY site to bustling business out on its own, **Soapwalla Kitchen** makes some seriously wonderful stuff. Our current favorite is the delicately scented, super-long-lasting, highly portable Deodorant Cream.

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