

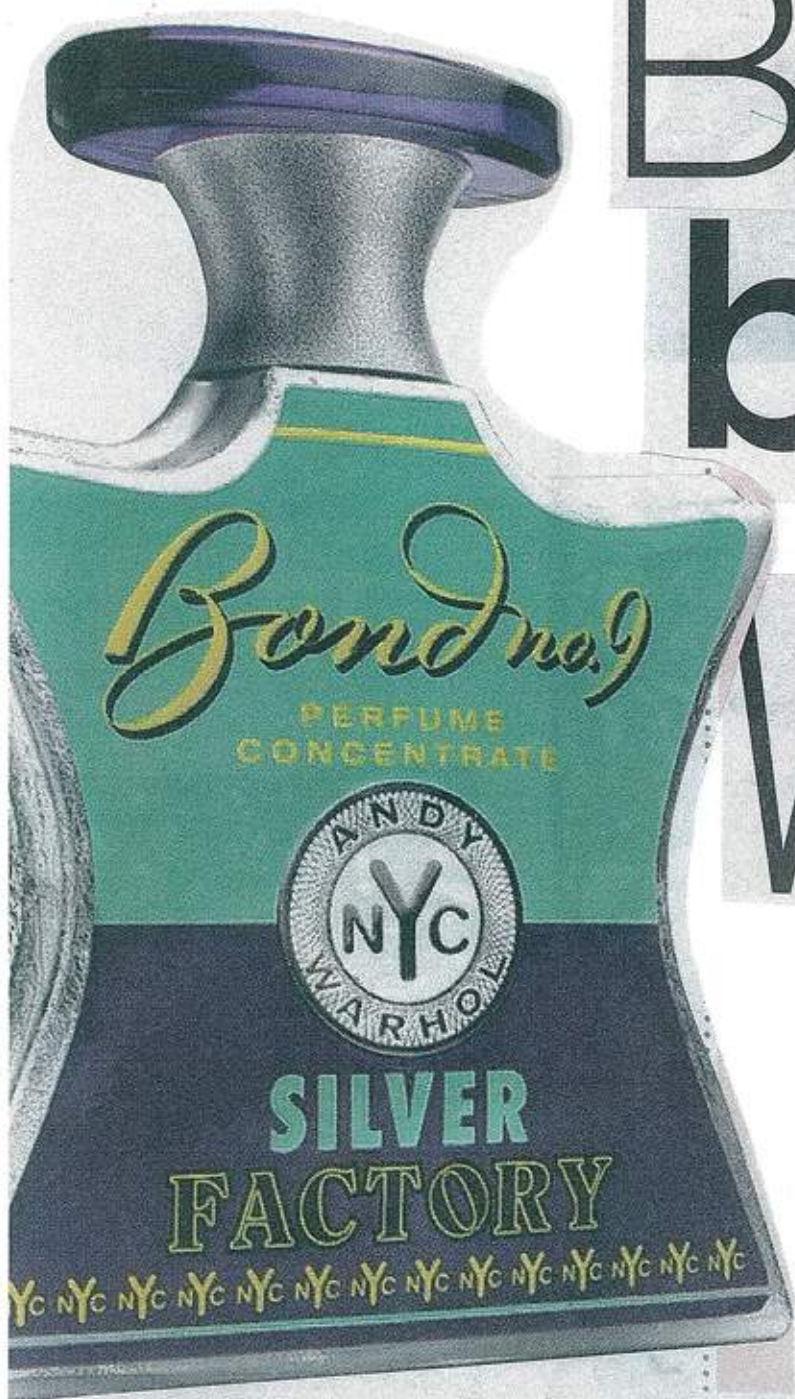
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When you're at a loss for what to get that special woman in your life — a friend, girlfriend, mother or sister — giving the gift of beauty is a no-fail option. But navigating the panoply of products available could drive you insane. Thankfully the beauty experts at Allure magazine can share their wisdom about the best cult beauty products out there, the ones any woman would be happy to receive this season.

Allure senior beauty editor Patricia Alfonso Tortolani has tested out just about everything on the market. Here are the gifts that will keep on giving all year round.

Andy Warhol's Silver Factory by Bond No. 9 (\$230 at www.bondno9.com)

Not only is the bottle of this perfume a true work of art, the scent, a mixture of jasmine and incense, is one of the coolest out on the market now. The scent was named after the Silver Factory, Warhol's original studio whose walls were covered with aluminum foil. The slender bottle was inspired by Warhol's series of colored Campbell's Soup cans.