



If you long for the clear, dewy skin of Jennifer Lopez, Naomi Campbell and Sophie Dahl, then you need to make an appointment with Susan Ciminelli. HELLO! Beauty Editor **Nadine Baggott** meets the woman responsible for some of the most flawless faces around

**S**ome A-list women are almost as famous for their glowing skin as they are for their singing, acting or modelling. Jennifer Lopez, Sophie Dahl and Naomi Campbell are just three such famous faces, and it's no coincidence that they trust their complexion to Susan Ciminelli.

Susan's revolutionary approach to skincare has taken the US by storm, which explains why she also counts *Sex And The City*'s Kristin Davis, Cindy Crawford and singers Jewel and Lil' Kim among her clients, as well as Kate Moss when she's in New York.

"I have a no-nonsense approach to creating and looking after great skin," says Susan. "There are no miracle anti-ageing creams, harsh peels, high-tech chemicals or one-hit wonder products," she warns. "Instead, I believe great skin is a reflection of inner health and well-being – and, in the end, my clients believe it, too."

Born in upstate New York, Susan



Jennifer Lopez (above) is Susan Ciminelli's most famous client. "She uses all of my products, gets regular facials from me, and Ben Affleck sets her up with wonderful massage therapists," she says. Sophie Dahl (left) is another high-profile fan

originally trained in holistic skincare and thalassotherapy in Florence, Italy, but returned to Manhattan in the early 1980s to work as a beauty therapist out of her one-bedroom apartment. Her unique facials, based on her then-homemade herbal and aromatherapy remedies, became so popular through word of mouth that she had to set up her own spa. "I wanted a spa that focused not just on great skin but on

mind, body and spirit at a time when no one else was doing it," she says.

Soon, customers had to join a waiting list to see Susan – a list that featured a number of well-known faces. Actresses Marisa Tomei, Sigourney Weaver, Jaclyn Smith, Melanie Griffith and Teri Hatcher became customers, as did models Naomi Campbell, Christy Turlington, Cindy Crawford and Amber Valetta.

And let's not forget the men who also hanker after great skin – Dustin Hoffman, John Cusack, Tim Burton, Sean "P Diddy" Combs and Al Pacino.

But her most famous client is Jennifer Lopez. "She uses all of my products," smiles Susan. "She orders enough for every location where she could possibly need them and never lets herself run out. She also gets regular facials from me, and her love

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