

How To Layer The Ordinary Chart

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The Ordinary recommends no more than 3 serums in a routine and layering the products from the thinnest/clearest to the thickest/opaque in the following order;

1. Water-Based
2. Anhydrous
3. Oils
4. Emulsions *
5. Suspensions * see * below for exclusions

*Updated September 2023. Products links take you through to Deciem and are affiliate links

Water-Based Products	Anhydrous	Oil	Emulsion	Suspensions
AHA 30% + BHA 2% * Aloe 2% + NAG 2% Alpha Arbutin Amino Acids Ascorbyl Glucoside Argireline Caffeine Solution Glycolic Acid * Hyaluronic Acid Lactic Acid 5% Lactic Acid 10% Mandelic Acid Marine Hyaluronic Matrixyl (peptide) Multi-Peptide Serum + HA Multi-Peptide + Copper Peptides 1% Multi-Peptide Eye Serum Niacinamide Salicylic Acid 2% Soothing & Barrier Support Serum	Ascorbyl Tetraisopalmitate 20% EUK 134 0.1% Pycnogenol Resveratrol 3% + Ferulic Acid 3% Ethylated Ascorbic Acid 15% Retinoid 2% in Squalane Retinoid 5% in Squalane Retinol in Squalane 0.2% 0.5% 1% Salicylic Acid 2% Anhydrous Solution High Spreadability Primer *	"B" Oil Borage Seed Oil Chia Seed Oil Moroccan Argan Oil Marula Oil RoseHip Seed Oil Sea-Buckthorn Fruit Oil Plant-Derived Squalane Oil	Natural Moisturizing Factors + HA Natural Moisturizing Factors + PhytoCeramides Natural Moisturizing Factors + Beta Glucan (GEL) Granactive Retinoid 2%* Mineral UV Filters SPF 15 & 30 *	Azelaic Acid Vitamin C Suspension 23% Vitamin C Suspension 30% <p>There are some exceptions to the rule marked * AHA 30% is a 10-minute masque. Acids after cleansing and before any serums. Granactive Retinoid 2% after water/before oil. Sun Cream is the last step before makeup. Primers after skincare/before makeup.</p>

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How much product do I use? 2/3 drops of serum or a pea-size of cream should be enough. If you feel you need more, use more.

How long do I wait before applying the next product? There's no set time. Just make sure each product is fully absorbed before applying the next product.

If I use 3 water-based products, which one goes first? Use the one which targets the skin concerns you most wish to tackle.

Patch Testing: It's important to patch-test all products before using them. Always read the label and check the conflicts.

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