



A HEAVENLY NEW LOOK

'All this – and heaven too!' Sister Claudette Palmer of the Sisters of Charity says when she sees her face transformed. 'It reminds me of the biblical story where the leper goes into the river and comes out with the face of a baby.'

Years of working in missions in the world's most unforgiving climates without adequate protection against the elements have taken their toll on Sister Claudette's face.

She hopes a laser resurfacing treatment will remove non-malignant skin cancers and the signs of premature ageing. The result will be revealed on *The Body Specialists* this week.

The treatment, billed as a non-surgical facelift, stimulates collagen and costs around \$6000.



Desperate, Steve responded to an advertisement for a TV show about plastic surgery, which became the *Ultimate Transformation Special*. His operation was too involved to be part of the one-off live event, but he has since become part of the series.

He is joined by Sister Claudette Palmer, a nun who has laser resurfacing to reduce her sun damage, and single mum Susie Baker, who wants to be beautiful for her new man.

Steve jokes that he nearly jumped off the bed when he saw the cameras and the doctor. Now flat on his back and shuffling around his house in a corset and bandages, he awaits the results – which will also be revealed in an upcoming issue of *New Idea*.

'The first day I felt OK when I woke up, but the next two days the pain was indescribable. It felt like my stomach and back were going to explode.'

'But the doctors think that somewhere under there I have a six-pack because of all the gym work I've been doing.'

'I hope all this is worth it.'

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ALL FOR LOVE

Mum of two Susie Baker has found love again at the age of 43. But although he loves her the way she is, she still feels unattractive and lacks confidence.

'Everyone called me Barbra Streisand,' she says shyly.

In a marathon operation that cost around \$25,000, Susie has rhinoplasty to change the shape of her nose, a browlift and blepharoplasty to reduce



signs of ageing and liposuction to trim her thighs.

As she is prepped for the surgery, she touchingly asks her boyfriend Ron Wilson: 'Will you still love me when I come out?'

She will find out how much he loves her at her 'reveal' party on the show.

● *The Body Specialists*, Thursday June 10 at 8pm on the Seven Network.