



THE ECO-SHOPPER

A LOW-IMPACT WAY TO HIT THE WALLS

Do your summer projects include freshening a room with a new hue? Now you can find all kinds of earth-friendly options that let you paint with less waste and fewer nasty chemicals. Below, our favorite newcomers to hardware store shelves. —SE



1. ECOPRO BRUSHES AND ROLLERS

The brushes are made with FSC-certified sustainable beechwood and recycled nylon bristles, and the roller pads from recycled plastic bottles. From \$8; purdycorp.com for stores

2. MARTHA STEWART PAINT

This low-VOC paint comes in 280 of Martha's favorite colors, with suggested complementary shades for the ceiling and trim. From \$25 a gallon; homedepot.com for stores

3. BIO PULP WORKS BIODEGRADABLE ROLLER TRAY

Made of recycled pulp, these trays decompose in six months. (Plastic ones can take 500 years!) \$2 for a 9-inch tray; lowes.com for stores



TRENDS WE LOVE

GARDEN MATCHMAKERS

Now here's a type of social networking we really dig: sites that connect people who have a yard but no gardening skills with landless folk who just want to grow—often in exchange for produce or instruction. To find or start a yard share in your town, check out hyperlocavore.ning.com. —O'RYA HYDE-KELLER

RECYCLED CRAFT

SMART PILLOW

Got some tired-looking throw pillows and a shirt with a case of ring-around-the-collar? Dress up your bed.

WHAT YOU NEED shirt, iron, pillow form or batting, pen, needle, thread



1 Place pillow form on an ironed, buttoned shirt. (If using batting, try a pizza pan to get a nice circle.) Trace the shape with a pen and cut the fabric 1/2 inch outside your line.

2 With the outer panels facing each other, stitch all the way around—about 1/2 inch inside the fabric edge.

3 Turn right-side out and unbutton to insert your pillow form or stuff with batting. Then button back up. Your new pillowcase can be machine washed up the gentle cycle. —SE

