

Eco-Friendly Home Products

Buying eco friendly shouldn't necessarily mean compromising. This month, we take a look at the latest stylish products available to help reduce the impact on the environment.



Stylish and sustainable bamboo

Now the environment is a hot topic, we are all looking at ways to reduce our consumption and emissions. We increasingly recycle our waste and turn off lights, but it's also possible to be conscientious in design by enjoying some of the earth's natural materials – bamboo being the perfect example. Usually associated with pandas, bamboo is one of the most endearing and sustainable materials on earth and, whilst in some countries it's considered a nuisance, we can use it to bring some stylish and refreshing items into the modern home. Not only does bamboo grow twice as fast as a tree, but bamboo strands releases 35% more oxygen than equivalent trees, resulting in a significant contribution towards reducing CO2 emissions.

- Bamboo is also a source of income for more than 2 billion people worldwide, making it an ideal socially and environmentally friendly material.
- Bamboo is one of the most enduring and sustainable materials on earth and compared to fibres originating from wood, such as viscose rayon, or other petrochemical fibres like polyester, bamboo has important advantages including a short growth cycle and easy cultivation.

- Bamboo grows twice as fast as a tree and has been measured growing at 5cm an hour, with some species growing one and a half metres a day.
- Bamboo can be harvested in 3-5 years versus 10-20 years for most soft woods.
- Some bamboos appropriate up to 12 tons of carbon dioxide from the air per hectare, so even whilst growing it significantly contributes to reducing CO2 emissions.
- Bamboo is antibacterial by nature. The Japanese Textile Federation has confirmed that after 100 washing cycles, bamboo fibre fabric still possesses its antibacterial properties.
- Bamboo surpasses cotton in moisture absorption, sucking up 60% more moisture than cotton and drying 20% quicker.
- Bamboo is a source of income for more than 2 billion people worldwide.
- Bamboo doesn't need pesticides to grow.
- Biome Lifestyle has a range of bamboo products available from its online store. Visit: www.biomelifestyle.com.
- Bamboo Salad Bowls £32.00
- Bamboo Storage Jars £8.50