

Eco Logical

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You don't have to wave goodbye to style when you start to green up your home

Writing this column is so much fun – eco-friendly homewares just get more and more tempting! This month we've found fab furniture, sumptuous sheets, chemical-free cleansers, tantalisingly trendy bamboo bits and bobs, even a worthy wine! Plus there's a great giveaway and

an exclusive ethical shopping discount. Becoming eco-aware is no longer a sacrifice; benefits include lower energy bills (from eco light bulbs and A+ rated appliances), not to mention the satisfaction of supporting UK craftspeople instead of buying sweatshop-produced goods.

Paints with credentials

Designer Oliver Heath is out to prove that sustainable products can still be stylish. His 'Eco Chic' paints for earthBorn include some lovely shades. earthBorn has a strong ethical stance, and its VOC-free Claypaint is still the only UK paint brand licensed to carry the EU Ecolabel, www.earthbornpaints.co.uk



Look what's in store for you

Bamboo goes bold at Biome Lifestyle with these colourful storage pots, £8.50 – perfect for sugar, salt, tea, herbs or sweets. Sustainable bamboo grows twice as fast as trees, doesn't need pesticides, and is no longer restricted to boring brown, www.biomelifestyle.com



Watch the birdy

Kat Boon makes cushions, wall art, bags and scarves incorporating recycled and vintage fabrics. Log on to www.katboondesign.co.uk

For green fingers

To save our lowland peat bogs look for peat-free compost. The Pro-Grow Range of Soil and Lawn conditioners is peat free and organic, certified by the Soil Association. A 50-litre bag of General Purpose Compost is just £4.99 with free delivery on the UK mainland, www.pro-grow.co.uk

Eco vino

English wine is tastier than ever and are locally produced. Denbies won several medals in the 2007 International Wine & Spirit Competition. Try their 'Vine and Dine' grape picking experience, just £39.50 per person, www.denbiesvineyard.co.uk

