

A CANNY BUY

Not only do Biome Lifestyle's bamboo canisters, £8.50 each, look great, they are a conscientious purchase. Bamboo is a sustainable material, which doesn't need pesticides to develop, plus, when grown naturally, it releases 35 per cent more oxygen than equivalent trees, thus helping reduce carbon emissions. Now, if ever there was an excuse to go shopping...



SEATS YOU

The most stylish must-have from Habitat's new winter range is this curvy 'Cole' leather chair, £1,199, which comes in white, black, brown or (go on, we dare you) bronze.

CUTTING EDGE

We've been seduced by this innovative plastic cutlery, £12.95 a set, Pandora Designs. In transparent jewel colours and inspired by 19th-century Italian silver tableware, it's hip and durable enough to use long after you've packed away the picnic hamper.



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PERFECT PERCHES

These beautiful Laura Ashley bird-on-a-branch candelabra, £15 each, are so adorable we're almost longing for dark evenings. They look great individually, but try bunching them together with a mix of silver, white and black candles for the ultimate in feathery finesse.



SPREE
Handmade crackle-glazed clay and postcard tiles, £40 each, Welbeck Tiles
STEAL
Ceramic postcard plaques, £5 each, Matalan