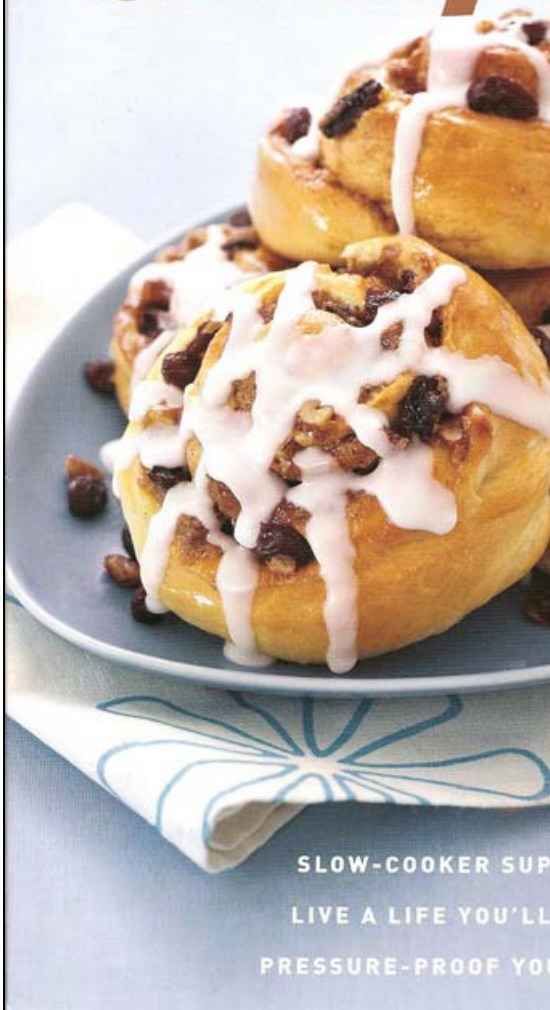


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MORE THAN JUST A RESPONSIBLE ALTERNATIVE, THIS NEW CROP OF ECO-PRODUCTS WILL ADD A TOUCH OF STYLE TO ANY ROOM. BY WENDY HARRIS

BATHROOM DETOX

KITCHEN CLEANUP

TIP "If you do nothing else, filter your water, unplug toaster ovens and coffee makers when they're not in use, and replace old or broken appliances with more efficient Energy Star-certified models," says eco-kitchen designer Lydia Corser of Santa Cruz, California.

1 SHADES FOR ALL SEASONS

Hang an insulated window shade—of natural fibers—to help keep a room warm during winter and cool in the summer. Grass shade, Horizons, \$90 (24" x 36"), horizonshades.com for stores.

2 OUT OF THE WOODS Bright bowls made from renewable bamboo will spice up your meal.

Before buying dinnerware, read the packaging to make sure glues used are formaldehyde-free and finishes are food-safe. Bowl, Bambu, \$15, bambu.greenfeet.com.

3 SECOND TIME AROUND This fruity clock puts a new spin on trash—it's fashioned from recycled laundry detergent bottles. Juicy Clock, \$45, uncommongoods.com.

4 FLOOR MODEL Composed of 75% post-industrial recycled content and installed without adhesives, click-together laminate treads lightly on the planet.

Brazilian Cherry flooring, Mannington Laminate, \$4.30-\$4.50/square foot uninstalled, mannington.com for stores.

5 A TOUCH OF GLASS Update countertops with sustainable terrazzo. Embedded in the surface are colorful specks of glass that would have ended up in a landfill. Porcelain terrazzo, EnviroSlab, \$50-\$90/square foot uninstalled, enviroglasproducts.com.

6 TRUE COLORS Corser suggests buying items with at least 25% post-consumer recycled content. This drinkware is almost entirely composed of old glass bottles. Tumblers, Fire & Light, \$22 each, greenfeet.com.



1 SLEEK SEAT Corser's resistant furnishings stool made from recycled aluminum can be easily dry. Pasha Tuffet, www.welldressedhome.com.

2 LUSH LINENS When choosing colorful towels and bath mats, look for labels to be sure low- or all-natural vegetable dyes were used. Bath towels, \$67, ecobathroom.com.

3 NATURAL BEAUTY Incorporate earthy materials into the decor. Drape your robe on a hanger made from a rock tumbled smooth in a river. Stone VivaTerra, \$49, vivaterra.com.

4 HANG IN THERE Organize bottles of soaps in a sustainable shower caddy, which resists bacteria and humidity. Gaiam, \$28, gaiam.com.

5 TAKE THE LEAD Look for hooks, plus other hardware crafted from nontoxic metals. Lead-free pewter towel ring, \$85, greensage.com.

6 CURTAIN RECALL Replace a synthetic vinyl shower curtain with one made of fabric, such as organic linen, cotton or flax. This soft, flax-based linen curtain is mold- and mildew-resistant. Shower curtain, Gaiam, \$59.