

Green House

Tom Mangione tracks down accessories for an eco-friendly life.

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A Bright Idea (in Yellow)

Doubtless you've heard the power saving advantages of switching your incandescent bulbs for fluorescents. They might cost more initially, but they last a lot longer (up to three years) and use a fraction of the electricity (about a fifth). The only problem was that their light made your house feel more like a factory floor than a home. Never fear. Phillips' "warm white" bulbs are here.

Price: ¥31.90 (12w, equivalent to incandescent 60w).
From: Carrefour.



All Wound Up

You'd be surprised what a little bit of restless hand cranking will get you these days. A couple of minutes on SORBO's SB-3081 and it will power an AM/FM radio, an LED flashlight, and a cellphone charger.

Price: ¥110
From: Mr. Chen's Store.



Daytripping: Sunny Side Up

Although the solar cells on the outside of this backpack don't produce enough juice to charge your laptop, the manufacturer claims that four to six hours of direct sunlight will be enough to fully charge your cellphone. Best of all, the outer material is made completely from recycled plastic bottles. Choose from green, orange, silver, and black.

Price: ¥1,700 (does not include shipping costs or taxes).
From: Voltaic Online.



Return of the Dragon

This wrapping paper's strength lies not just in its catchy, dragon-print design, nor in the fact that it's made from 100 percent recycled paper. It's also reversible, meaning you can wrap presents for both mom and dad, without looking like you were too cheap to buy more paper.

Price: ¥15/roll.
From: Tiger Paper at Nest.



Greenovation in Design

Put your money where your mouth is and get a t-shirt in the process. The proceeds from this series of clever green-promoting tees designed by eno go to GECKO, Greenovate's Environmental Challenge for Kids Outreach, which teaches positive environmental values to China's rural youth.

Price: ¥200
From: Greenovate. ■

Directions

Carrefour, 1018 Changning Lu, near Kaixuan Lu, 6225 5656. For other stores see SHmag.cn
长宁路1018号, 近凯旋路

Greenovate, www.greenovate.org

Mr. Chen's Store, 490 Nanjing Dong Lu, near Wufu Nong, 158 0067 2900.
南京东路490号, 近五福弄

Nest, 2/F, Unit 201, Building 3, Lane 210, Taikang Lu, near Sinan Lu, 6466 9524.
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Voltaic Online, www.voltaic.com