

Easy solutions also easy on your wallet

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NYLON BAG, \$5

Problem: Plastic or paper? They both create trash.

Solution: Use the sturdy, lightweight ChicoBag as a grab-and-go tote for groceries, takeout or other small items. Each bag holds up to 20 pounds and folds easily into an attached pouch. Stash one in the glove compartment and another in your purse.

To buy: www.chicobag.com for locations.



CANTALOUPE, \$4

Problem: You sliced too soon and got a mouthful of unripe melon.

Solution: Choose Dulcinea Extra Sweet Tuscan-style cantaloupes, which are bred so the rind's grooves change from dark green to gold when they are ripe. Tasty melon, any way you slice it.

To buy: www.dulcinea.com for locations.

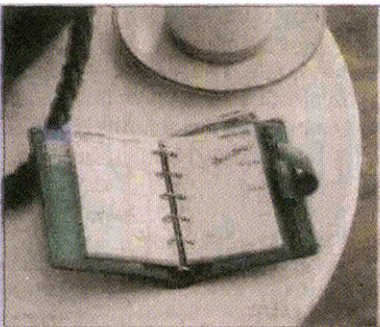


SCREWDRIVER, \$25

Problem: Every DIY project calls for a different screwdriver.

Solution: Reach for the Loggerhead Tools Bit Dr. screwdriver. The tool has 21 driver heads that store in the handle, while the shaft can bend into six different angled positions.

To buy: www.loggerheadtools.com.



WALLET ORGANIZER, \$45

Problem: Carrying around a wallet and a date book weighs you down.

Solution: Lighten your load with Filofax's Mini Finsbury, which combines an organizer with a wallet and includes space for credit cards, bills and change. Downsizing never looked so good.

To buy: www.filofaxusa.com.



SHOE REFRESHERS, \$6

Problem: Your shoes stink.

Solution: Click open Dr. Scholl's Odor Destroyers and say goodbye to smelly shoes. Place an odor-neutralizing sphere inside each shoe every evening and wake up to a freshly scented pair.

To buy: At drugstores

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