

# HOW TO LOOK HIP

**NOT HIPPIE-LIKE**

GREEN STYLE QUEEN SOPHIE ULIANO TELLS US HOW TO BECOME AN ECO DIVA (WITH NOT A VEGETARIAN SANDAL IN SIGHT).



Not easy being green? Nonsense, says Sophie Uliano, author of *Gorgeously Green* (HarperCollins, RRP \$26.99). With a little imagination you can save the world in style. **GO LUXE** It sounds contradictory, but buying a few classic, beautiful pieces that will stand the test of time are a much better investment than heaps of cheap T-shirts from chain stores. **ADD** a couple of organic cotton items or shop at your local markets for handmade or one-off treasures. "Support your local community and designers," says Uliano. **POKE** your nose into the local charity and vintage shops. Men, especially, can pick up some great

finds that age well. "On the night I met him, my future husband was wearing a \$10, 1940s suit teamed with cool sneakers and a rock'n'roll T-shirt," says Uliano. **RECYCLE** old undies into household rags. "I use my old stockings to tether my tomatoes to the trellis in the garden," adds Uliano. **INVITE** a few (similar-sized) friends round for a few wines and a clothes swapping party, bringing all the items you're tired of wearing. **HOICK UP** your dress and travel to your glam happening on a bicycle. "These days it's embarrassing to turn up in an SUV anyway," says Uliano. Visit [www.gorgeouslygreen.com](http://www.gorgeouslygreen.com).

## GREEN TIP RAKE UP FALLEN LEAVES

Using a leaf blower emits as much greenhouse gas in an hour as a car does in five, so use a rake instead.

Source: CSIRO Climate Change, *What You Can Do About It*



## YOU BAMBOO BEAUTY

From home improvements to exchanging petrol guzzlers for hybrids, we're all doing our bit to help the environment and now we can go one step further and dress green, too. Bamboo body offers a comfortable and stylish range of men's, women's (left) and children's clothing produced from bamboo, which is durable and soft, with a similar feel to silk or cashmere. The clothes are also biodegradable, more breathable than cotton and odour resistant. And we've been assured that no pandas will go hungry as the result of the manufacturing process. Visit [www.bamboobody.com.au](http://www.bamboobody.com.au).



## SUSTAINABLE SKINCARE

Plants that care for your skin and the planet are here to stay – and Aveda's green science skincare range is the latest.

Its serums and crèmes aim to lift the skin and minimise wrinkles, and ingredients include organic argan oil, Brazil nut and cactus, sourced from sustainable plantations. Prices start at \$99. Visit [www.aveda.com](http://www.aveda.com).



## ALL FIRED UP

The Fire Company's EcoSmart Fire has sparked creative interest from indigenous artist Jeremy Donovan. He has given their sleek Retro model a makeover in his hand-painted piece dubbed 'Gift of Fire' (pictured). While Donovan's artwork is a one-off piece, you can take home a regular Retro EcoSmart and enjoy the energy savings with its 90 per cent thermal efficiency and clean-burning fuel. Visit [www.thefirecompany.com](http://www.thefirecompany.com).

