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1 Laminex Greenfirst initiative Craftwood uses wood fibre from sustainable forests. This range has eight colours, is durable and has a moisture-resistant surface. **Laminex surround coated doors and panels**, for a standard cabinet door (720mm x 450mm) from \$60, 132 136, laminex.com.au

2 Choose from more than 500 colours in Wattyl's eco-friendly interior range of paints. They are low on volatile organic compounds (VOCs) so have almost no odour, low environmental impact and good durability. **Wattyl Interior Design i.d.**, \$80.79 for 4 litres, 9813 3333, wattyl.com.au



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5 This low-flow showerhead uses only 5.5 litres of water a minute and fits on to most standard shower arms. Low-flow showerheads save on water and energy. **Perfectflow Ultimate Shower Head**, \$24.95 plus postage, 9652 1655, perfectflow.com.au



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3 LED lights are an environmentally friendly alternative to incandescent globes because they create less heat, last longer and use less energy. The LEDlux products have a five-star energy rating and a lifespan of up to 50,000 hours. **LEDlux Energy Saving Downlight**, \$99.95, 1300 232 266, beaconlighting.com.au



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6 When choosing your bathroom fittings minimise water usage by choosing a shallow basin and low-flow tap, and there are colour choices other than neutral. This sleek, monochromatic look from the Liscio range by Phoenix which, aside from being chic, is also WELS 5-star rated, using just 5 litres of water per minute. **Phoenix Liscio Basin Mixer**, \$667, 1800 032 566, reese.com.au



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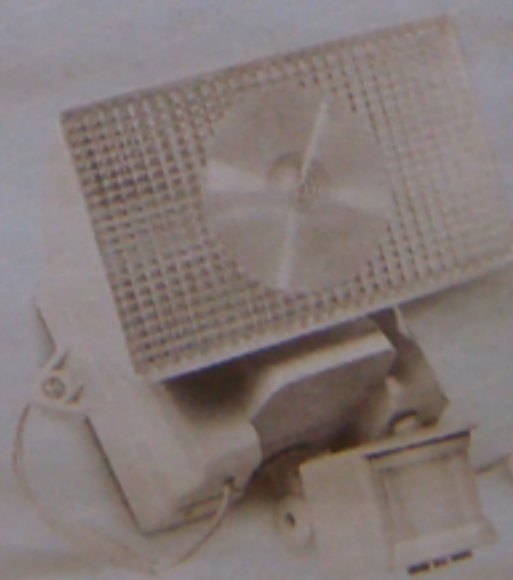
7 Select products that use recycled materials such as these glass mosaic tiles that are 98 per cent recycled glass. **Eco Blanco**, from \$75/sq m, **Eco Negro**, from \$140/sq m, 9565 1066, artoftiles.com.au



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4 An energy meter measures your household energy consumption so you can monitor your usage. The stylish Wattson Energy Meter has a display panel that shows how much your current wattage will cost you annually and glows different colours when energy use fluctuates. **Wattson Energy Meter**, \$229, 1300 138 483, todae.com.au

8 Solar lighting is an excellent option for outdoors. A solar security light is an easy alternative to hard-wired security lighting. **HPM solar security light**, \$82, 9846 7100, bunnings.com.au



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# eco-products >>

In light of global warming, many consumers consider the ecological impact of a product as important as things such as cost, durability, efficiency and aesthetics. Fortunately in most cases the greener you go, the more cost-effective and energy-efficient the product tends to be. Gone are the days when choosing environmentally friendly products meant compromising on style.

Danin Kahn is the founder and chief eco officer of Todaie, which offers a range of ecologically sustainable products and services

both online and from its Glebe shopfront. "I've been involved in this area for a few years now and I've found, directly and indirectly, that what makes the biggest change is getting people educated," Danin says.

Changing to more energy-efficient lightbulbs is a good way to get hooked on going green. "Usually people who do that and start to see a difference [in their energy consumption] say, 'This is awesome, what else can I do?'"

Alice Wasley



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