



WARM HOME

Stay cosy and green this winter with a wood-burning stove from Morsø's DEFRA-approved (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) range. The range has been recognised for its low carbon emissions and clean-burning capabilities.

Squirrel 1412, from £780, Morsø

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Eco-friendly finishes

The Children's Furniture Company has created a range of 20 eco-friendly water-based lacquers for their wood furniture as an alternative to solvent-based finishes. The furniture is made using trees from sustainable forests in America, the trees are also grown as part of a replanting programme. The Sugar & Spice bedside table costs £150.



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For details, see stockist pages



GREEN LIGHT

Made from soy wax, vegan candles are biodegradable and they also burn slower than paraffin-based candles. Akeewakee's White Medallion soy candles are made with the environment in mind, from the plant-fibre wick to the recyclable packaging.

Available in four scents, Akeewakee candles cost £34.50 each.

Eco-friendly Rainforest Alliance in action



CHRIS WILLE

Chris Wille, chief of sustainable agriculture for the Rainforest Alliance, tells us about the organisation's challenges.

■ The organisation has been going for 20 years and we work in over 60 countries to conserve biodiversity and ensure sustainable livelihoods by transforming land-use practices, business practices and consumer behaviour.

■ Working with foresters, farmers and the tourist industry, we help them adopt environmentally and socially responsible practices, so they protect biodiversity, treat workers with respect, provide good wages and access to education and health care.

■ We focus on placing equal emphasis on helping farmers

and foresters to manage their land more efficiently, and providing support for farmers and workers to earn a better living, ensuring health care and education are provided.

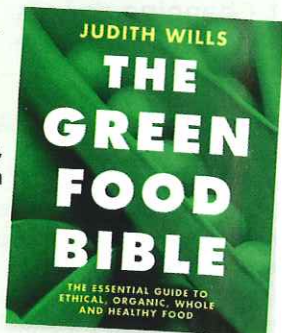
■ It's vital to think about where and how the products you buy are grown - our stamp can be seen on many products from fresh fruit and nuts to tea and coffee.

■ Look for the green frog seal on products in stores that serve Rainforest Alliance certified coffee such as Costa Coffee, Marks & Spencer cafés, Pret A Manger and Wyevale Garden Centres, and at attractions including Lego Land, London Zoo and Whipsnade.



This month's book review

Certain food production and waste has harmful effects on our planet. Discover what's good for you and the environment with *The Green Food Bible: The Essential Guide to Ethical, Organic, Whole and Healthy Food* by Judith Wills, £12.99 (Eden Projects Books), which has information on topics such as organic food, seasonal eating, food miles, fair trade and buying locally.



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