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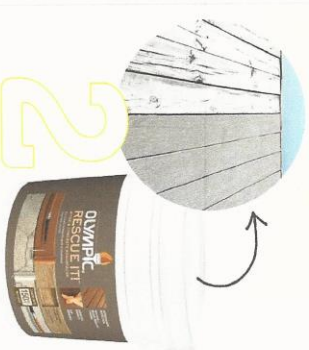
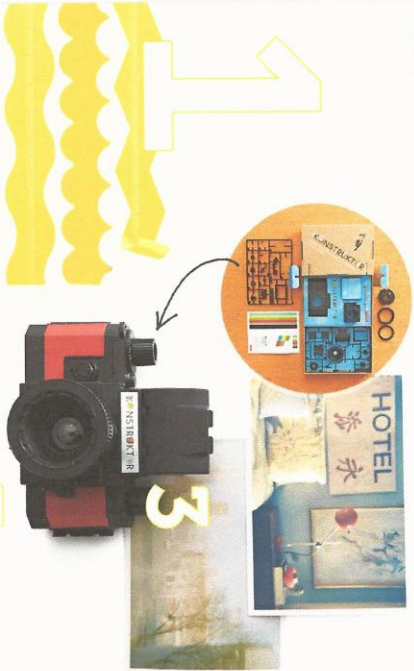
on our radar

Say so long to summer with a plethora of pretty projects, smart tools, and autumn-saluting ideas.

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Strung up
Craft pom-poms and string them into garlands. Kit includes plastic pom-pom maker, two balls of wool, and a plastic sewing needle. \$15; macaroonkids.etsy.com

Best buds
Show off your best blooms with a 3-inch flower-arranging frog that screws onto any standard-size canning jar. \$6 per frog; reproduction Mason jars start at \$13; piperclassics.com



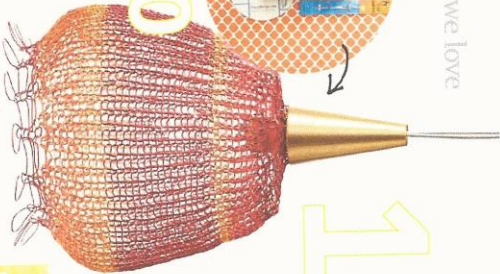
- 1. Get in shape**
Available in charcoal, scallion, and wave versions, pencil Shape Tape adheres easily and removes without sticky residue. Paintblock adhesive technology ensures crisp lines when creating intricate painted designs. About \$15 per roll. frogapc.com
- 2. Rescue plan**
Reamp weathered wood decks and concrete patios with this restorative acrylic coating. The waterproof, barefoot-friendly finish fills spits and cracks up to 1/4-inch deep. \$55 per gallon. \$100 per 3 gallons. olympic.com
- 3. Saw cheese**
The konstruktor kit gives you everything you need to build a working 35 mm camera in about 90 minutes. Purchased with a plastic screwdriver, customize your camera with lens, film, and seal (spring) kits. \$35. lomography.com
- 4. Door decor**
Herald autumnal charms with a custom wreath made from this kit. Wrap more than 3 yards of burlap around a wire frame, then embellish with handmade roses and an optional ribbon. Includes a wooden hanger. \$30 (85-inch wreath), \$45 (23-inch wreath). woofcreationsdiy.com
- 5. Double duty**
Spend less time on projects with Dual Superbond, a two-in-one paint and primer. The high-adhesion formula makes paint stick to such surfaces as metal, wood, masonry, concrete, plastic, melamine, and more. \$5–\$6. kryolan.com



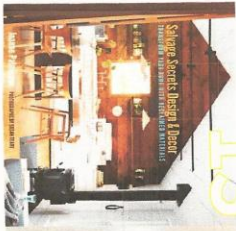
- 6. Precise slice**
Make detailed cuts on paper, cloth, and crepeboard with this precision knife. An ergonomic, finger-loop handle and retracted blade make it easy to handle. \$15. bigs.com/ky
- 7. Better leather**
Make wearable items and home accents from Kat-Tex, a fiber-based material that looks and feels like leather but cuts and sews like fabric. Available in black, brown, and natural. The material can be sewn, folded, and even run through an ink-jet printer. \$13 for 11½-yard roll. cpulb.com
- 8. In a bind**
Stitch up a sweet storybook ending with this bind-it-yourself bookmaking kit. The 48-page finished product features an exposed spine and a cover that can be personalized. Request paper and string combos for a truly custom creation. \$18. goodolepress.com
- 9. Swift cleanup**
Keep those pesky leaves from sticking to rake lines with this dog-free version from True Temper. The patented leaf and debris-free design means you can spend less time manufacturing your yard. \$16 for 30-inch-wide rake. armstrongrakes.com



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10. Crochet way
 Cottage and industrial styles combine in Yael Falk's crocheted wire lampshades. Price: \$250. yael.com

11. Pour & store
 Quickly and cleanly fill regular and wide-mouth bottles, or jilly when you use this no-mess carrying funnel. The dishwasher-safe tool features a headspace gauge to prevent overflowing. \$9. lefrmans.com

12. Seal appeal
 Repress sidewalks, driveway, and concrete walks with these quick-fix. Seal cracks up to 1/2-inch wide with sanded acrylic. Concrete Repair, or mended larger cracks in horizontal surfaces with the latex emulsion. Concrete Crack Seal. \$2 each. quikrete.com

13. Green chic
 This shaggy-savvy book will make you think twice about buying new. It's chock-full of creative projects like a backspat make from bottle caps, candleholders from bedspreads, and even a shipping cart made of cardboard. \$35. books.swrson.com

14. Your way
 Stop struggling to find the perfect wallcovering and try manufacturing your own. The self-addressive paper strips ready to take on wallpaper, stain, or crayon. Good Neighbor. 100 \$56 for a 35-foot roll. cld.com



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15. Wise whittsy
 The woodland-inspired embroidery kit includes four hoops, seven shades of floss, fabric, needles, and a cutting mat. All you need to create a whole parliament of on-so-cute owls. \$49. diagrammatic.etsy.com

16. Stuck up
 The quinesimal sticky note gets a modern makeover with a 400-inch-long, fully adhesive Post-it. Roll can instantly label files, office supplies, pantry shelves, and more. \$5-\$7. shop3m.com

17. Solid sprouts
 House succulents or herbs in a planter. Just mix a small batch of concrete inside the paper mold and let it sit-dry overnight. Spice up your life by planting the included chive seeds. \$15. uncolormongoods.com

18. That's a wrap
 From the kitchen cord to the apron! The three-outlet Pop Power Cord eliminates the "just out of reach" problem while working with power tools and lights. Wrap the flexible gooseneck around a ladder, base leg, or sawhorse for easy power access. \$26. pawty.com