

COLOURFUL WATERING CANS

Sontax's vibrant new collection of watering cans has arrived just in time for summer gardening. They have a 1.8L capacity and sturdy all-metal construction with stainless steel trim. Perfect for home, apartment or townhouse. Sontax watering cans are available exclusively from Bunnings Warehouse, in four, new season's colours and retail for around \$12.50.



WWW WEB WATCH

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Handyman untangles the web for readers.

Bushfire safety

www.bushfire.nsw.gov.au

We're edging towards bushfire season again, which makes a browsing the NSW Rural Fire Service's website a must. In particular, take a look at the info on the 'Preparing Property' page, which explains how bushfires act around a house (embers, radiant heat, direct flame and spot fires are all a threat), and how to reduce the risks around your property (eg, trim branches to two metres and separate the crowns of neighbouring trees).

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AUSTRALIAN FURNITURE FAIR

Come along to the first Australian International Furniture fair. It'll be packed with great decoration and

design ideas. The exhibition will take place from February 7-9, 2007, from 9am-5pm. What more info? Just visit www.aiff.net.au

THE JIGOLO

Winner of Episode 30 of the 'New Inventors', this tool has already sold 1,000 units, with another 5,000 in production. The Jigolo is specifically designed to fix screws into corrugated roof sheets safely, quickly and accurately (it simply fits into the chuck of your drill!). Advantages of the Jigolo:

- Minimises screw tip movement.
- Automatically drives screws in perpendicular to the roof angle so washer contact is square, ensuring no roof leakage.
- Sheet fixing up to 50% faster. Just \$79 plus postage. Available on-line at www.thejigolo.com.au or call Ben on 0421 087 899 or Jim 0417 275 669 for more information.



Birdhouses

www.craftybirds.com

This website offers links to an array of plans for birdhouses. Some even look like 19th-century mansions. These tend to sell for between US\$5-25 (available by mail or online), but there are also links to dozens upon dozens of free plans. The free plans tend to be slightly less creative than those that attract a charge. (For the best of both worlds, see our special step-by-step birdhouse on page 90.)

Aust. Tax Office

www.ato.gov.au

This site is proof that the Australian Taxation Office is on your side (or at least, on the side of the honest taxpayer!). If you own an investment property, you may be interested to know that 'Rental Properties 2006', a guide to dealing with rental income and expenses, can be downloaded from this site. It'll tell you what's claimable and what's not. A look at this could save you hundreds - thousands!

THEY'RE PLUG CUTTERS

It's the must-have tool for eliminating unsightly holes. It's a useful device to cut plugs to fill holes for screws, nuts or bolts. The Vermont American plug cutter is available in various sizes from Bunnings Warehouse. Every tool box should have one!

