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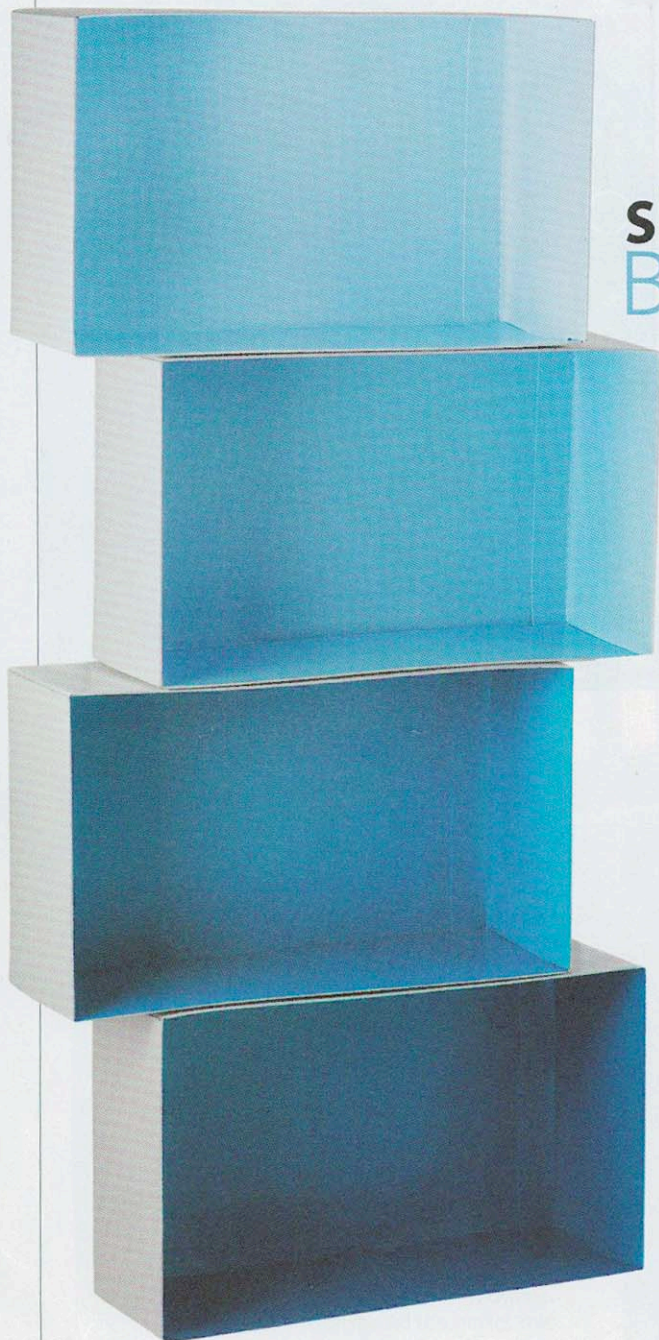
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a shiny new coat

Giving a room a whole new look has never been easier, thanks to these paint innovations.



shadow BOX IT

Choosing the perfect shade on a paint strip makes us feel like Goldilocks: How can you tell which one is *just* right? Here's a better idea: Paint the insides of a few shoe boxes with shades from the strip you're considering and place each near a window. The light will cast shadows inside the boxes that mimic real room lighting, giving you a true sense of what each color will look like at different times of day.

From top: Ace Paint in Apple Creek, Water Flow, Maryann, and Imaginary Day, \$25/gallon; acehardware.com.

quick cleanup

Shur-line's new paint trays, brushes, and rollers are the home-improvement version of the ionic hair-dryer—they get the job done better, faster. Everything is Teflon-coated, so paint glides right off the tools and onto your walls. Our favorite innovation is the paint tray: Dried paint peels up easily in one clean layer, making for quick, environmentally friendly cleanup.

Rubbermaid Shur-line tools, \$6 to \$20; shurline.com.



the ideal green

The Home Depot has launched its first zero-VOC line, Freshaire Choice, in 65 airy pastels and rich earthy shades. It's not the only one: Mythic Paint, with its new line of paint rolling out, promises high performance—no drips, lasting sheen, great coverage—in its no-toxin formula. The 1,200-color palette proves it's easy being green.

Mythic Paint (shown), \$42/gallon; mythicpaint.com. Freshaire Choice, \$38/gallon; homedepot.com.



dream FINISH Imagine this: the durable and sleek porcelain finish of oil-based paint in a formula that won't leave you gasping for air. Ace delivers with its new Cabinet, Door, and Trim Enamel. It's a low-VOC, easy-cleanup latex with all the long-lasting, look-good benefits of an oil.

Ace Cabinet, Door, and Trim Enamel, \$26/gallon; acehardware.com.