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DO IT

Socks can be a bit dull as a Christmas present, but choose a pair made from recycled wood and you'll add sparkle to your gift. Designer Sophie Young uses fibres from sustainably grown white pine trees to produce her Christmas hosiery, which includes sexy thigh-highs – don't worry, not a splinter in sight. The fibre in the socks is easy to wash, says By Nature, the online ethical retailer (bynature.co.uk, from £9.70 a pair), it won't lose its shape and the final product is even biodegradable, so it can end its life in the compost bin.



CLICK IT

Leading ethical retailer Natural Collection has launched an eco-space on its website where it is free to swap, sell, give away and share info, resources and ideas. Click on to naturalcollection.com/ooffoo and you can post a classified advert to

help you to declutter, read the latest green blogs, and find out about green events in your area. It aims to "bring together a community of people who share the desire to create a positive vision for our world".



SKIP IT

We may be feeling a little skinflint about the forthcoming festive season – researchers at Mintel predict that half of organic food shoppers will switch to non-organic options in the oncoming months – but cutting corners when it comes to buying meat should be avoided. An imported battery turkey might save a few pennies, but it is likely to have suffered indignities such as having its beak trimmed (to stop it pecking its neighbours) and breast blisters from overcrowding and poor sanitation. Instead, check out farm shops near you on farmshopping.net.

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