SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007

The Seattle Times

4 things we dig

Cool kitchen finds

A sound sink

Finally spiffy up your sink's surroundings with this slim little oversink organizer. Stock the individual compartments with brushes, sponges, soap or even rings for safekeeping. A vase-shaped channel can hold a decorative flower. It's rust-proof, is made of stainless steel and tough plastic, and fits around a single faucet.

$29.99. www.simplehuman.com

Earthy sponges

Even sponges and cloths are going green. And these, made by Twist, are packaged in recyclable boxes that can be turned into little birdhouses — just follow the directions on the box. Twists' new, all-natural products include the Euro Sponge, Loofah sponge and the Euro cloth.

$1.99-$4.99. Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy in Seattle (4130 E. Madison St. and 1815 N. 45th St.) and online at www.jackscountrystore.com

A cool can

These semiround cans — pretty enough to display — are perfect for high-traffic areas, nudged against a wall or kitchen island. They are fingerprint-proof and the platform pedal and step area are made of durable solid steel.

$109.99-$139.99. *www.simplehuman.com*

Good timing in the kitchen

The Better Kitchen Timer has four timers so you can monitor up to four cooking vessels at a time. Four LEDs on the unit are positioned like the four burners on a stovetop, and each LED lights up when its corresponding timer is set. No more burning the dinner.

$29.95. www.hammacher.com