



★ *It's a cinch*

Lisa Chocholik's collection of La Chik belts and buckles includes this iridescent style made with recycled eye shadow. You can coordinate with any outfit, thanks to her line of interchangeable buckles. Operating her business from home, Chocholik likes that she can be successful while being there for her two young children.



La Chik belts and buckles, from \$28; lachik.ca

6 more green gift ideas

- 1** Send a box of local or organic preserves, such as chutneys, jams, syrups and pickles.
- 2** Clean up a public space in a friend's name. Organize a street or park cleanup; collect garbage and recycling, and take a photo of the crew – and the garbage.
- 3** Give *100 Easy-to-Grow Native Plants for Canadian Gardens* (White-cap, 2005) by Lorraine Johnson.
- 4** Give a tree-planting coupon, and let the recipient choose a tree from a list of native species.
- 5** Sew a gift bag – then fill it with more handmade gift bags for all occasions – using scrap fabric and ribbon.
- 6** Use your scrapbooking skills! Make a set of gift cards, tags and photo frames using recycled paper and embellishments.



★ *The gift is in the bag!*

Judy Lazar of Credobags in Montreal creates reusable shopping totes, mesh produce bags and more, using sustainable fabrics such as organic cotton and hemp. They're made in Canada; many styles are sewn by Les Petites Mains, a cooperative for women new to Canada seeking job training. Resilient and multipurpose, Lazar's bags make great gift bags – just wrap your gift in tissue and pop it into one.



Credobags, from \$8 each; credobags.ca



★ *Mmm, antioxidants!*

Tiziana Ienna and Tara Gilbert of Vancouver craved a decadent certified-organic fair-trade gourmet dark chocolate bar. So they created their own. Zazubean chocolate are antioxidant-rich because they're 70 per cent cocoa, and healthy ingredients include ginseng, acai berries and green tea. Choose from eight funky bars such as Ego, Smooch and Lunatic. **hm**



Zazubean chocolate, six for \$24; zazubean.com