Earth Day *the* Stylish Way

Because interiors guru **Jason Oliver Nixon** dearly hopes there's never a hole in the ozone layer above the Hamptons, here are his oh-so-ingenious ideas for minimizing your Gucci-clad carbon footprint.

IS EVERYBODY LIT?

Nothing creates instant mood and drama in your home like a dimmer switch. And did you know that dimmers are eco-friendly, too? **Lutron**'s Skylark EcoDim ($26.50) is programmed to limit light levels to no more than 85 percent of full capacity at all times. Your eyes won't notice the difference, and you'll more than double the life of an incandescent bulb. What's more, you'll look even more fabulous than you already are under the dimmer's ultraflattering light! *Available at Home Depot, 1550 Old Country Road, Riverhead, 284-2530.*

RIDE-A-STRIDA!

Why navigate the East End in a gas-guzzling SUV when you can break out a delicious candy-colored **Strida** fold-up bike ($800) that'll have you zipping around town in eco-chic style? We're mad for the greaseless chain and Strida's wildly slick lines. And if *we* can fold up a bike in 10 seconds flat, anyone can. We've decided this is the must-have item of the season, so take note. *Available at BikeHampton, 36 Main Street, Sag Harbor, 725-7329.*

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SHOW YOUR STRIPES

We love nautical-themed panache, so we're adding this Model 43-03 slipcovered sofa from **Lee Industries** ($3,305) to our Hamptons living room. Just look at these smart stripes and pizzazz-packed pillows that seem to have been lifted from some divine yacht bobbing about in the Caribbean. Best of all, this sofa has eco-cred: It boasts renewable soy-based cushions wrapped in 100 percent recycled fibers; the seat deck and trim pad are made of 80 percent regenerated fibers; the arm padding is soy-based foam; and the frame is constructed of certified sustainable wood. *Available through Fishers Home Furnishings, 144 Main Street, Sag Harbor, 725-0006.*

PILLOW TALK

Interior design clients always ask me for tips on how to gussy up a room, and my recommendation is always simple: "Pillows!" Pillows here. Pillows there. Pillows yon! Invariably we turn to **Madeline Weinrib**'s ikat pillows ($450 each), which not only pack a punch, but also have an eco slant, since no artificial dyes or bleaches are used in their construction. Low-impact luxury—what could be better? *H Groome, 9 Main Street, Southampton, 204-0491.*

YES, WE WOOD

Furniture mavens **Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams** have always been ahead of the trends with their wonderful wares. The majority of their casegood items, for instance, are constructed from eco-friendly parawood solids. What's that, you ask? Also called rubberwood, parawood is considered an environmentally friendly material, as it makes use of plantation-grown trees that have been cut down at the end of their latex-producing cycle. So stock up on such items as their fifties-inspired Shelby desk with crushed-bamboo inlays, wood harvested from a responsibly maintained forest, and brass hardware ($1,755). *Available through special order from English Country Antiques, 26 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, 537-0606.*