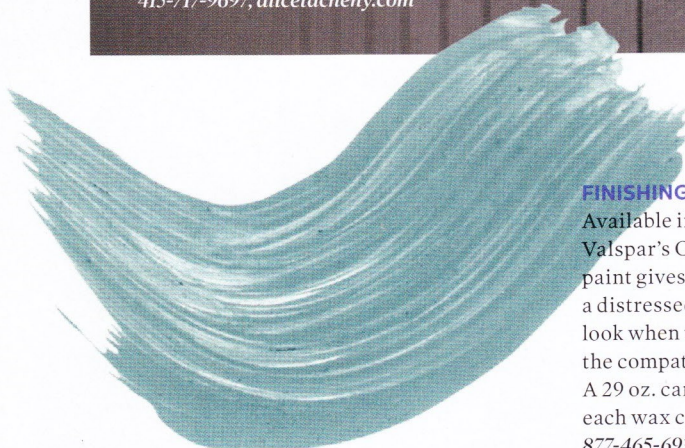


THE HANG OF IT

Bay Area designer Alice Tacheny crafts the simple Teddy Hook from a leather strap and a maple peg that will both acquire patina over time. Ideal for coats, scarves, or umbrellas, each hook measures 1.5" w. x 4" d. x 6.5" h. and costs \$34. 415-717-9697; alicetacheny.com



FINISHING TOUCHES

Available in 40 colors, Valspar's Chalky Finish paint gives any surface a distressed or antiqued look when used with the compatible waxes. A 29 oz. can costs \$30; each wax costs \$17. 877-465-6937; lowes.com

SHARP THINKING

The Sora Ultimate utility knife by Shun employs up-to-date technology to create a supersharp blade handy for a variety of uses. A serrated edge, perfect for slicing thin-skinned fruits and vegetables, is paired with a wide blade and a rounded tip that can be used for spreading. The 6" l. knife costs \$88. 800-325-2891; shun.kaiusaltld.com



HOT STUFF

German appliance brand Miele's first series of ranges includes the compact dual-fuel model, which features gas burners and an electric oven with convection capabilities, a touch screen, a swivel handle, and backlit knobs. The 30" w. x 35.5" h. x 26.5" d. unit costs \$7,099; 36" and 48" w. models are also available. 800-843-7231; mieleusa.com



STEP TO IT

The versatile Step Mini by Design House Stockholm can function as both a step stool and a folding chair. Made of lacquered beechwood and equipped with a wall hook, it is available in red, shown, black, and white. It measures 19" w. x 38" h. x 2" d. when folded and costs \$370. 877-404-6763; shophorne.com

