

WISH LIST



THE GLOBAL ART OF LAUNDRY

Drugging your clothes to the Laundromat isn't at the top of anyone's fun list. But what has to be done has to be done.

Here's a way to brighten up that chore from GlobeIn, a Peninsula startup that helps employ artists from all over the world by assembling colorful curated boxes on a variety of themes — from cooking to travel to lounging to, yes, laundry.

Ever hear of Nepalese soap nuts?

You'll find a sampling of the pods (from trees that are a member of the Lychee family, they release a chemical-free sudsy agent in water) inside the Laundry Box selection. Wool dryer balls, made by a women's cooperative in Kyrgyzstan, help keep clothes soft. Carry it all in a bright blue laundry bag made from recycled cement bags from the Peace Handicrafts collective in Cambodia. And keep items organized with the palm-leaf hand-woven basket from Mexico. The Laundry Box, \$50. www.globein.com.

— Sylvia Rubin

