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## Scissors storage

Can't find your favorite pair when you need it? You won't have to sift through a junk drawer in search of scissors if you hang yours on a magnetic knife strip. To pretty up the organizing system, tie pieces of ribbon onto the handles of the various pairs: paper, pinking shears, sewing, bolt cutters, children's, left-handed, etc.

## Recipe for a healing lip balm

Once the weather gets cooler, you'll need to stock up on lip balm. Why not make your own now? This easy recipe from *Pure Skin Organic Beauty Basics* by Barbara Close combines beeswax and honey to prevent chapping and irritation.

- ½ ounce calendula oil or safflower oil
- ¼ tablespoon grated beeswax
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 5 drops vanilla essential oil

Place calendula (or safflower) oil and beeswax in a heatproof glass measuring cup and set it



in a pan of simmering water. Heat mixture until it melts, stirring often. Remove from heat and stir in honey and vanilla essential oil. Pour into small sterilized glass or plastic pots, and refrigerate to set. Tip: Quadruple the amounts if you want extra to share with friends.



## Baby gift bonus

To add a special touch to your next shower gift, try wrapping it in a burp cloth instead of paper. The soft cover looks cute, and the new mom will appreciate the practical present. ■