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Gürdle
Keep it all together.

No, Not Your Mother's Gürdle

Don't let the name put you off, women. This is not about some dated, horrific rubber concoction that goes around the waist and derriere.

Instead it's a 3-in-1 luggage strap devised to help travelers move more easily and avoid losing or misidentifying their luggage.

Have you ever picked up the wrong black suitcase at the airport thinking it was yours? Have you lost a bag that was attached to your suitcase? Or do you just need another item that can help you get it together?

The Gürdle (still having trouble with the word? Try to get past it...) can alleviate some of the problems that travelers come across.

It secures a carry-on bag on top of your travel roller-bag, thus preventing your carry-on from falling off or getting twisted on top of your suitcase. The colored strap helps you to better identify your luggage at baggage claim.

And, if you're guilty of over-stuffing a bag (who me?), the strap helps keep bags closed as a compression strap for over-packed suitcases, and be left on the roller-bag when checking luggage.

The G-word item comes in six colors: green, gray, pink, black, orange and blue and can be accessorized with initials, logos and your favorite design. It fits all airline-approved, carry-on luggage. It costs \$29.99. You can purchase it online at www.thegurdle.com.

As an aside, the Gürdle's creator designed it to help keep her and her mother's belongings together while traveling. Since her mother had Alzheimer's it helped her to stay organized en route. In memory of her mother, for each Gürdle sold, a donation will be made to Alzheimer's Research.

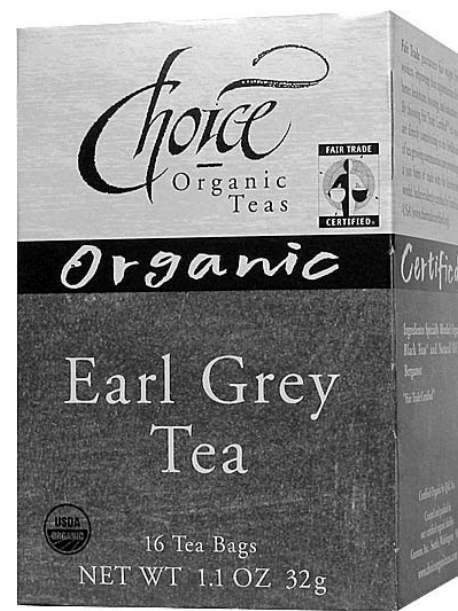
A Good Choice for Tea

Most of us can remember the traditional iced tea our parents used to serve. Today, iced tea can be as diverse and fun as you want to make it.

And when you compare making your own tea to purchasing one of those ready-made, single serving ones at the store, it's substantially cheaper and has less impact on the environment (less waste), and is healthier (no mystery ingredients). As the temperature goes up (and it will, despite the past few months), consider trying some new flavors this summer that will also help to keep you cool and refreshed.

Choice Organic Teas now comes in these flavors: Mango Ceylon, Northwest Blackberry, Earl Grey, and Green Moroccan Mint. All are sold at Whole Foods. The Mango Ceylon with Vanilla is a blend of smooth black Ceylon tea, juicy mango, and organic Sumatran vanilla. The Northwest Blackberry has blackberries that grow wild all around the company's Seattle hometown. It also includes herbs, flowers, and berries infused with the essence of blackberry for a tart drink.

Their Earl Grey includes oil from organic bergamot oranges, grown on family farms in the south of Italy. It contains a blend of Ceylon and Indian black teas. Green Moroccan Mint is a blend of green tea, crisp mints, and a hint of lemongrass inspired by the traditions of northern Africa, where a cup of mint tea is a signifier of friendship and hospitality.



To be Dry, Really Dry

Want to cut more chemicals out of your life? Look no further than your underarms. Naturally Fresh Deodorant Crystal Roll-On contains no aluminum or parabens. Antiperspirants are processed and have smaller molecules that are absorbed into the blood system. Naturally Fresh deodorants are not processed; therefore, the molecule is larger and is not absorbed into the blood system.

Naturally Fresh Deodorant is often recommended by allergists, dermatologists and oncologists.

The roll-on costs \$3.99 and is available through Amazon.com and Target.com or you can order by phone from at 1-800-653-4006. They're also sold at major retailers like Wal-Mart. For a list of stores, visit www.naturallyfreshdeodorantcrystal.com/store-locator.



Thymes are a Changing

Thymes has expanded its home fragrance assortment with Offerings, a new eight candle collection of fragrances designed to "strengthen personal connections (says the promo material. On first sniff, they just plain smell great). The candle scents include: Love, Peace, Abundance, Thankfulness, Happiness, Good Health, Friendship and Good Luck. They cost: \$26.

Thymes' forte has been elegant bath and body products and they've added a new scent to their growing collection. Ambersweet Orange has a warm blend of calming ingredients including orange, honey, yogurt and almond milk. The collection includes candles (\$26), soap (\$13), body wash (\$18) and foaming bath (\$20). Find them at www.thymes.com, but Elysian Fields in Sarasota has offered Thymes products for years.