



with Tali Shine

HARDWARE HEAVEN

Blame it on shows like *Desperate Housewives*, the return of overalls as a fashionable item or perhaps even the arrival of spring, but I had the sudden urge the other day to get a little domesticated and handy. So in my lunch break, I headed down to Sunlite City Hardware on Pitt Street.

I have to admit it's been a while since I was in one – well, actually, I can't remember the last time I set foot in a hardware store, for fear of being laughed out of this stereotypically male domain.

I expected to find nuts and bolts and gruff men with dirty hands, but in fact found quite the opposite.

It was in fact a friendly and welcoming place with lollies on the counter, helpful staff, sounds of tropical rainforests sweetly playing in the background and my favourite new discovery: a brand of paint called Dulux Silk that has been made especially for women. Not only does it come in a wide range of neutral and pretty colours, but it also has its own little perfume sachet to add to the paint, so you don't need to worry about nasty fumes. The finish is silky smooth, so it's not just men that get to have all the fun.

As I left with cans of paint in my hand, I vowed to spend the next weekend repainting my apartment. If only I had the overalls.

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