

GADGETS

Boogeyman under the bed? Shoo him away with dust

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Got monsters under the bed? Don't call an exterminator. Just break out anti-boogeyman dust.

Shoo! Monster is a 100 percent natural "dust" that you can sprinkle under your child's bed and in closets when the bedtime fears and tears begin. It comes in a cute little blue paint can (complete with church key opener) and a salt shaker for ease of sprinkling. It's cute enough to leave on a dresser or nightstand.

Shoo! Monster is part of a line of environment-friendly products made by mentally and physically challenged adults at the Abilene, Texas-based company Herban Renewal. The company carries bath and body care items made from herbs, oils and sea salts for women, men and babies, plus novelty items like the Shoo! Monster and Twinkle Toes, a pink, glittery, peppermint powder sure to delight little girls.

Check out the products at www.herbn-renewal.com.

Cold hands, whiny kids

Here's another kid-friendly product we can file under "it's so simple, why didn't I think of this sooner?"

Pop Pals are soft, insulated holders meant to cradle those tube-like freezer pops, keeping little hands warm and clean. They were invented by a mom who got tired of wrapping paper towels around her kids' ice pops to keep their hands from getting cold as they slurped.

Pop Pals are lead-free and come in colors, with "eyes" and animal spots. A two-pack is \$4.99 at boutiques and Babies R Us starting this month, or purchase online at www.pop-pals.com.

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