

Green Bulbs

ERICA ROWELL sees the light with five eco-friendly illuminators.



How many countries does it take to change a light bulb? We'll soon find out. Traditional bulbs drain so much electricity from the power grid that Australia and the European Union plan to replace them with low-energy bulbs within a few years. Will the United States follow suit? Erica Rowell hopes so. She writes and edits for Environmental Defense, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting practical ways to save the planet. When you're shopping for a bulb, Rowell suggests looking for Energy Star-certified "warm white" compact fluorescent lamps, or CFLs—and always remember to recycle. Here are five picks that will cast your home in a better light.



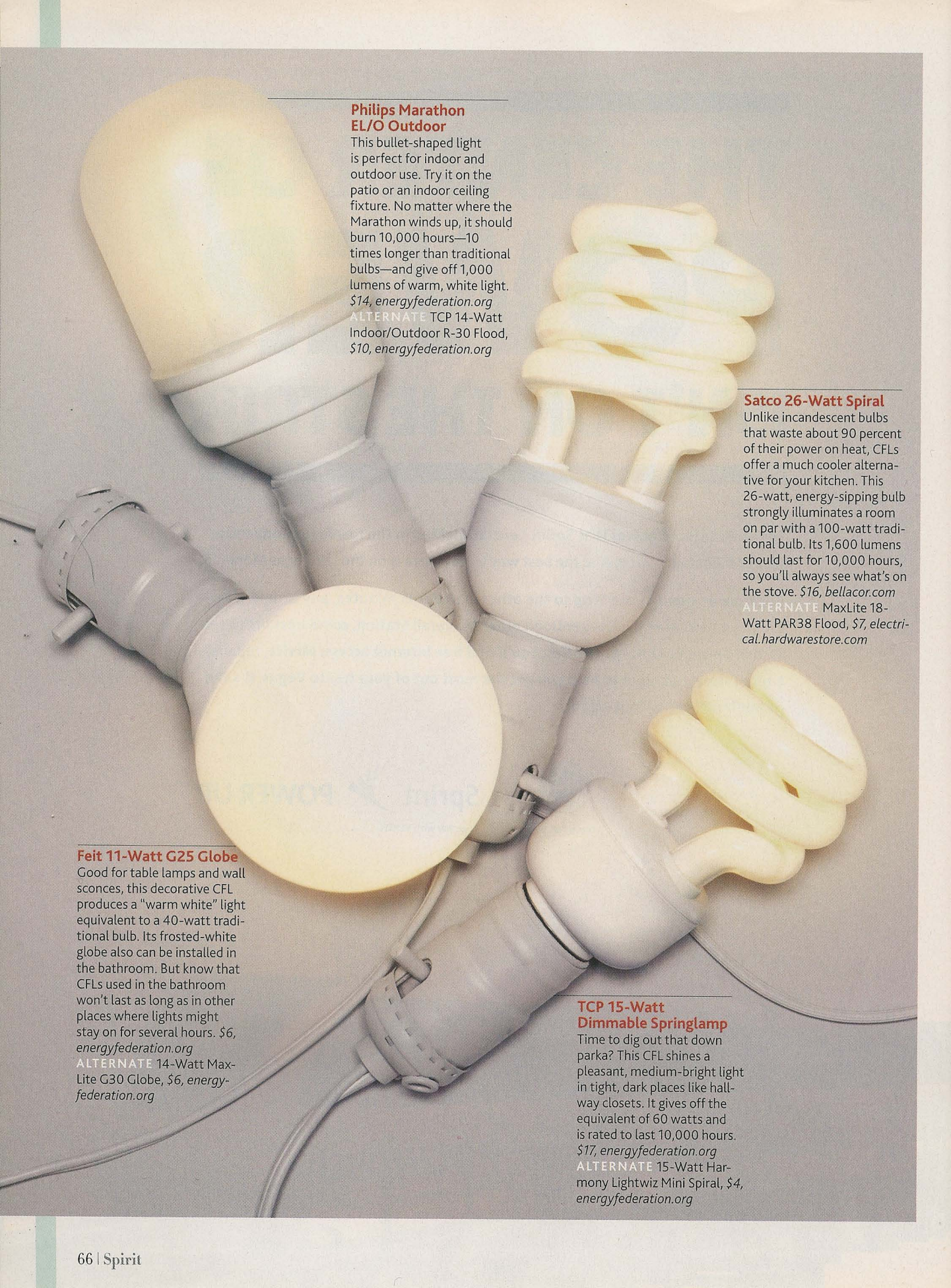
N:Vision 23-Watt Soft White CFL

A good light for reading, this medium-sized spiral works well in a table or floor lamp. And though it uses just 23 watts, the bulb gives off a whopping 1,600 lumens of light, equivalent to 100 watts. You can also mount it in a ceiling fan or wall sconce. Rated to last 10,000 hours, this baby could finally inspire you to pull out that dusty copy of *War and Peace*. \$8, homedepot.com

ALTERNATE TCP 20-Watt
ESB Spiral, \$4, energyfederation.org

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**Philips Marathon
EL/O Outdoor**

This bullet-shaped light is perfect for indoor and outdoor use. Try it on the patio or an indoor ceiling fixture. No matter where the Marathon winds up, it should burn 10,000 hours—10 times longer than traditional bulbs—and give off 1,000 lumens of warm, white light. \$14, energyfederation.org
ALTERNATE TCP 14-Watt Indoor/Outdoor R-30 Flood, \$10, energyfederation.org

Satco 26-Watt Spiral

Unlike incandescent bulbs that waste about 90 percent of their power on heat, CFLs offer a much cooler alternative for your kitchen. This 26-watt, energy-sipping bulb strongly illuminates a room on par with a 100-watt traditional bulb. Its 1,600 lumens should last for 10,000 hours, so you'll always see what's on the stove. \$16, bellacor.com
ALTERNATE MaxLite 18-Watt PAR38 Flood, \$7, electrical.hardwarestore.com

Feit 11-Watt G25 Globe

Good for table lamps and wall sconces, this decorative CFL produces a "warm white" light equivalent to a 40-watt traditional bulb. Its frosted-white globe also can be installed in the bathroom. But know that CFLs used in the bathroom won't last as long as in other places where lights might stay on for several hours. \$6, energyfederation.org
ALTERNATE 14-Watt Max-Lite G30 Globe, \$6, energyfederation.org

**TCP 15-Watt
Dimmable Springlamp**

Time to dig out that down parka? This CFL shines a pleasant, medium-bright light in tight, dark places like hallway closets. It gives off the equivalent of 60 watts and is rated to last 10,000 hours. \$17, energyfederation.org
ALTERNATE 15-Watt Harmony Lightwiz Mini Spiral, \$4, energyfederation.org