Sponge candy

Good Housekeeping's first editor, Alice Maud Head, declared there should be 'no drudgery in the house', so let's add the fun factor to cleaning. Happy scrubbing!

Clockwise from top: Dotti Super Scrubber, £27 for 3, Revolve. Dishmatic Wonder Scrub Sponge Scourer, £2, Ocado. Dotti Super Scrubber, as before. Soft square sponge, £13.39 for 4, Amazon. Dishmatic Wonder Scrub Sponge Scourer, as before. Sph2onge, £6.90 for 2, eBay. Scrub Daddy, £10.47 for 3, Scrub Daddy. Scrub Daddy, as before

GHI tip

To keep your sponges in tip-top condition, wash them weekly by soaking them in a disinfectant for 15 minutes before rinsing and drying. Some, such as Scrub Daddy, can also go in the dishwasher.

A fresh coat of polish

With the season of renewal comes the desire for fresh, livening colours. From powder blues to delicate lilacs, we tried 40 of the prettiest pastels for spring's quickest sartorial update. The five highlighted here were the best.

Fastest-drying: Nails.Inc Seabright Street Neon Lite Nail Polish, £11. This vibrant blue is a bestseller, with an easy, wide-brush application and a quick-dry formula. **Best budget buy:** Mii Cosmetics Confidence Nail Polish in Lilac Quartz, £9. A purse-friendly lilac with a beautifully frosted finish, infused with vitamins C and E for hydration. **Best designer buy:** Dior Vernis Glowmania Limited Edition in Bluemania, £29. This opalescent blue shimmer adds a touch of glamour. **Longest-lasting:** The GelBottle Inc Peacci Californian, £8.99. A single swipe of this glossy vegan polish offers a dazzling purple that really lasts. **Most chip-resistant:** Sally Hansen Miracle Gel Nail Polish in Lookin Fly For A Cacti, £9.99. For salon-quality results at home, simply finish with a clear top coat.

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