

## everyday life

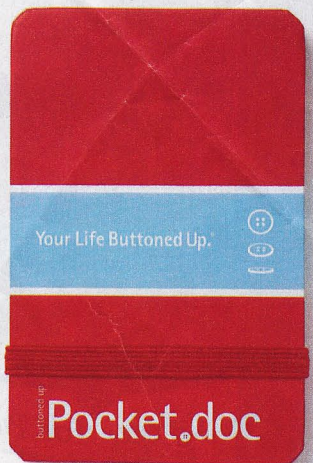


**35** Corral the mess on your desk with stylish file folders that let you decide if you'll tackle your to-dos today, tomorrow or never! (Set of 12 DiVoga procrastination folders, \$2.39; OfficeMax)

**36** Make your commute more civilized with Umbra's on-the-go Handisleeve (a clever plastic handle that slips over your coffee cup!). At last, a way to get a grip on your takeout joe. (\$4.99; *bedbathandbeyond.com*)



**37** Keep vital medical information on hand at all times with the Pocket.doc (\$3.99; *organize.com*), a tiny credit card-size lifesaver to record essential emergency, medical, insurance and contact information for those "I-hope-I-never-need-this-but..." moments. At that price, why not get one for everyone in the family?



I will do  
one thing  
today.

thing:

TAXES!

**38** For those days when getting just one thing done is a huge accomplishment, use "I will do one thing today" 2" x 3" sticky notes (\$1.99; *prettybitter.com*) to keep yourself focused on the task.

**39** Fast fixes for your stuff: Give wood furniture a mini-makeover with the Guardsman Furniture Touch-Up Kit (\$4.99; Bed Bath & Beyond) and Homax White Ring Remover (\$3.88; Lowe's). Stop skipping with Scratch Out CD/DVD Scratch-Repair Fluid (\$4.90; *gogamer.com*). Keep clothes cleaner longer by dabbing Janie Dry Cleaner Stick onto stains (\$4.99; *containerstore.com*).

**40** Every time you get \$5, set it aside instead of spending it. (Out of sight, out of mind!) At the end of the week, pull out all the hidden fives and deposit them into your savings account. Do that each week and just imagine how much you'll have at the end of the year!



**41** Make snacking hassle-free during your next car trip. Instead of packing the kids' beverages and snacks separately, grab the Snack Time 2-in-1 container. Drinks go in the top, snacks in the bottom. Twist together and you're done. (\$4.99; *containerstore.com*)



**42** Had it up to *here* with the recession? Take a cue from Lisandra Delgado-Martinez of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, who admits that if she had an extra five bucks lying around she'd treat herself to a Lotto scratch-off ticket. Waste of \$5 or a million-dollar return on investment? Hey, you never know...