

Hanger cover keeps clothes fresh

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It may seem odd that a plain blue hanger cover could suck the stale odor out of a blouse or shirt. But that's what the Freshhanger does.

Massachusetts product developer Arthur Schwabel has come up with various things in his 20-year career, including candles that change colors while they burn, but the Freshhanger was the first one that really charmed his wife, he said.

The covers are of a fabric developed from activated carbon, a type of charcoal, which attracts the volatile organic compounds that cause body odor.

The odors are not masked but absorbed, so the hanger will wear out after about six months, but not before saving money in dry cleaning, wash water and wear on your clothes, Schwabel said.

The Freshhanger is available in a five-pack for \$15 at freshhanger.com.