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Green gift source



Courtesy of Verde Home

In my endless efforts to tackle "green" living lingo, I was still pleasantly surprised when Paul Baird at [Verde Home, Inc.](#) in West Midtown tossed me a word I'd never heard before: upcycling.

Apparently, it's a term that interior and furniture designers use to describe the act of repurposing mundane objects from the past—wagon wheel hubs, spokes and vessels—into something of higher aesthetic (and monetary) value.

Take a spin around the store, it's full of pieces that are perfect for building a sustainable,

eco-friendly nest with your new hubby. They don't have traditional registry services yet, but Paul assured me that they facilitate gift lists for newlyweds all the time. The price range there—spanning vases for \$100 and tables into the thousands—makes it a great place to shop for enviro-friendly types, since literally everything they sell is sourced on fair trade, designed locally, or—here it comes again—upcycled.

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