

as good as new



DESIGN

Upcycling is about breathing new life into the old and it can be very cool indeed...



VINTAGE KIMONO SHOES ▶
Designer Henrietta Rose Samuels is the creative force behind Hetty Rose's handmade, upcycled shoes. She sources vintage kimono fabrics from Japan and then re-uses these relics of a disappearing world as uppers to create unique, handmade designs, which are utterly feminine and gorgeous, as well as sustainable. A pair of bespoke shoes starts from £300. hettyrose.com

RECYCLED GLASS LIGHT ▶
Combining traditional craftsmanship with a striking contemporary design, this 100% recycled mouth blown glass light was inspired by a bunch of grapes. Each bulb is handmade by traditional craftsmen in the souks of Damascus and Aleppo. Recycled glass is gathered from the local area and brought to the workshops to be crushed and then melted. £190 from biometlifestyle.com



SHOPPING TROLLEY CHAIR ▶
Shopping trolleys are generally scrapped due to unaligned wheels or exposed wire. Designer Max McMurdo rescues them and turns them into chairs as part of his Reestore collection, which takes everyday waste objects and turns them into funky, functional furniture. £650 from reestore.com



UPCYCLED VINTAGE FURS ▲
Selena Francis-Bryden, aka Franny B, upcycles vintage furs by reversing them then hand-painting the backs with all sorts of pictures, from pretty butterflies to rock chick skulls. From her stall at Portobello Market (near Falafel King), she's sold to the likes of Dolce & Gabbana and Patricia Field, who dressed SJP in a Franny B coat for the opening credits of Sex and the City Series 6. franryb232@aol.com

RENEWED RETRO KEYBOARD ▼
Steampunk designer Jake Von Slatt calls himself a 'mechanical hacker' – using various components, he literally hacks together new machines. He upcycles retro 1980s typewriter keyboards by coating them in brass and turning them into functional contemporary keyboards. Steampunk is based in the US but items can be found on eBay. steampunkworkshop.com



DIY tip
Antique mirrors are pricey... so instead of spending £££s go down to your local auction house and get bidding on old, damaged gold-leafed picture frames, then get a new mirror fitted. You can pick up old frames from around £30.

