

# CountryHome®

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## Fresh Ideas for Small Spaces

### A Cozy Cottage Makeover

50 EASY  
WAYS  
TO LIVE  
GREEN

Simple  
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Vintage Finds  
Make-Ahead  
Appetizers



## eco-chic products

Want to live in harmony with the Earth? Try one of these green pieces to give your next project a seriously pretty (and thoughtful) spin.



**1. DINING TABLE** This table, made from elm reclaimed in China and topped in a water-base finish, offers a rustic take on traditional campaign style; [artesiacollections.com](http://artesiacollections.com). We found the nature-inspired casted antlers (sitting atop the table) at [westelm.com](http://westelm.com).

**2. RECYCLED GLASS AND TILE** Instead of loading up the landfill, glass recycles beautifully into gemlike tiles ([stardustglasstile.com](http://stardustglasstile.com)) and accent plates ([vivaterra.com](http://vivaterra.com)), shown right.

**3. CABINETRY** Neil Kelly Cabinets in Portland, Oregon, uses available Forest Stewardship Council-certified woods; no-formaldehyde-added agriboard panels, fibers, and glues; and low-VOC finishes; [neilkellycabinets.com](http://neilkellycabinets.com). Bath vanities from Waterfall are made with formaldehyde-free, FSC-certified medium-density fiberboard finished with low-VOC water-base paints; [waterfallbath.com](http://waterfallbath.com). Classic panel doors are made of responsibly harvested solid wood and finished with safe water-base glues and finishes; [breatheasycabinetry.com](http://breatheasycabinetry.com).



**4. BAMBOO** Bamboo is beautiful, durable, and renewable, making it a top pick for green building initiatives. Try Teragren Signature Naturals Bamboo Flooring, shown above, or a bamboo butcher block for your kitchen island; [teragren.com](http://teragren.com). For other bamboo building products, such as formaldehyde-free paneling, veneer, plywood, and flooring, consider Smith and Fong Plyboo; [plyboo.com](http://plyboo.com).

**5. DECKING** The wood content in Trex lends a natural look and feel to this toxin-free decking and fencing, which is a composite of plastic and reclaimed lumber; [trex.com](http://trex.com).



### little ways to shop smarter

IF YOU'RE BABY-STEPPING INTO THE GREEN MOVEMENT, SHOP ONE OF OUR THREE FAVORITE CATALOGS FOR FUN, DECORATIVE ACCENTS.

**1. VIVA TERRA** Literally meaning "living earth," this green-lifestyle company is committed to equal parts ecology and elegance for every room in your home; [vivaterra.com](http://vivaterra.com).

**2. ORGANIC STYLE** Shop this Web site for beautiful and natural options for your bedroom, and create a spa-like atmosphere with their bath items; [organicstyle.com](http://organicstyle.com).

**3. AT WEST END** Whimsical furnishings and decorative accessories from this company feature salvage and recycled materials (even car windshields!); [atwestend.com](http://atwestend.com).

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**6. LIGHTS** Repurpose your look with cool pendant lamps made from old seltzer bottles, shown top; [russelljohnsonimports.com](http://russelljohnsonimports.com). Rejuvenation, a carbon-neutral company, has made its metal cleaning, metal coating, antiquing, polishing, plating, and painting processes environmentally friendly. Plus, it offers a CFL option for some of its period-authentic lights; [rejuvenation.com](http://rejuvenation.com). Sea Gull Lighting offers an entire catalog of energy-efficient lighting products; [seagullighting.com](http://seagullighting.com).

**7. INSULATION** UltraTouch insulation from Bonded Logic, shown above right, is made with 100-percent-recyclable natural denim and cotton fibers. It's easy to handle and provides maximum R-value performance; [bondedlogic.com](http://bondedlogic.com). GreenFiber is a natural blown-in insulation made from 85-percent-recycled content; [greenfiber.com](http://greenfiber.com). Louisiana-Pacific's Cocoon is a blown-in cellulose, a nontoxic insulation made from recycled newsprint; [lpcorp.com](http://lpcorp.com). Icynene's water-blown insulation creates a superior air seal, which minimizes air leakage and helps control moisture; [icynene.com](http://icynene.com).

