

# 05 Examples of Upcycling

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## Today: Admin, Aesthetics Tour 2

### Admin:

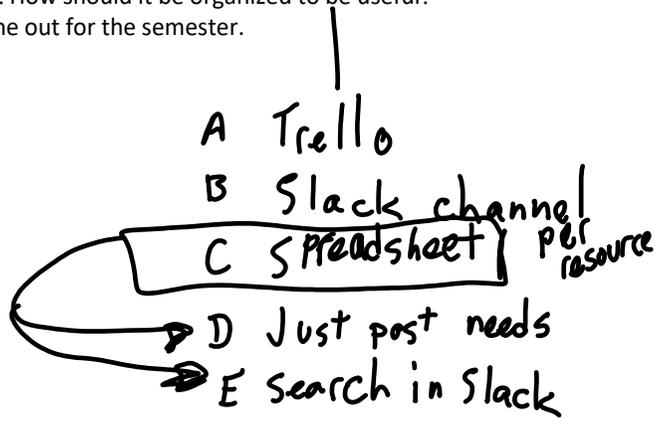
- Office Hours: here after class MWF.
  - EMCE 220, any time my door is open, afternoons and evenings
  - Whenever you want to schedule with me. Contact on Slack.
- The Slack workspace is on the free plan. Do I need to upgrade it? Groups, for example?
- The range of resources on #worktrade is awesome! How should it be organized to be useful?
- Still some clickers available, if you want to check one out for the semester.

### Redesign Your Name Tent

Apply the aesthetic you

Choose one:

- A) wrote about on Weds
- B) Are planning for Upcycle
- C) Are planning for your Main Project
- D) Admire from somebody else's post



Specs: Name Legible and Large on both sides

Annotate in small text what aspects express the aesthetic

2019

- 14%
- 28%
- 17%
- 21%
- 21%

- Upcycle Progress
  - a. I have a clear idea of what I'm making
  - b. I have a vague idea of what I'm making, including materials
  - c. I have a vague idea of what I'm making, but no idea about materials
  - d. I don't know what I'm making but I know what materials I want to use
  - e. I don't know either object or materials

### Upcycling,

also known as [creative reuse](#), is the process of transforming by-products, waste materials, useless and/or unwanted products into new materials or products of better quality or for better environmental value.

From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upcycling>

### Project will be due Weds Feb 12

#### Class list (5 minutes) : What are you considering for an Upcycle material?

- |                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bike chain                | Eggshells for Nicole              |
| Sawhorses                 | Old clocks, old watches for Bella |
| Old clothes               | Cardboard                         |
| Steel Tube from old bikes | Log                               |
| Scrap plywood             | Fridge magnets                    |
| Brass from bullets        |                                   |
| Metal bottle caps         |                                   |
| Wine bottles              |                                   |

Upcycle Materials: cardboard, foam core, drywall, sticks, plastic forks or plates, soda cans/bottles, Legos, bubblewrap or packing peanuts, stir sticks, straw, hay, cloth, papier Mache, tires, DVDs, PVC, food, plastic bags etc. More? Pennies, corks, wood, paper bags, books

CHARM: Center for hard to recycle materials. Styrofoam block, books, metal scrap, appliances, cell

phone.  
Hazardous recycle; free paint  
Resource: recycled building materials. Windows, doors, tool library and sale (april)

## Examples

- Watts Towers: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/08/us/08watts.html>



Watts Towers, long an attraction for Europeans interested in the work of the artist Simon Rodia, is otherwise far off the path of visitors to Los Angeles. Michal Czerwonka for The New York Times

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LOS ANGELES — The Watts Towers rose up against a clear blue sky as James Janisse unlocked the 10-foot-high gate that surrounds the soaring outdoor sculpture. “Behold the work of the man,” said Mr. Janisse, a tour guide, and his audience took it in: the Gaudiesque mashup of towers, cathedrals, fountains and ships, constructed from pipes, broken bottles, seashells and cracked ceramic, climbing 100 feet into the air.

The towers are an iconic work of folk art with a back story — built by an eccentric Italian immigrant working alone in his yard over 33 years — that is nearly as captivating as the installation itself.



Cement covered rebar, decorated with broken tiles, glass bottles etc.

Example of 'outsider art', significant works produced by artists outside of the art school - gallery world.  
Museum of Outsider Art =  
American Visionary Art Museum  
<http://www.avam.org/>  
Baltimore.

- 100,000 toothpicks Ping pong ball track sculpture of San Francisco by Scott Weaver  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OG5DKJWbeEg>

- Vegetable Orchestra: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpFYt7vRHuY>

- Andy Goldsworthy, environmental artist. Makes sculpture from rock, ice, sticks, leaves. Biographical documentary about him:

Riedelsheimer, Thomas. *Andy Goldsworthy's Rivers & Tides*. Docurama, 2004. Available for checkout.

Excerpt: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7sZv4\\_0Ffg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7sZv4_0Ffg)

Leaning into the Wind (Andy Goldsworthy documentary)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQYGbfVfpm0> official trailer

- Cardboard furniture:



We got to here in class, but please keep browsing!

## Aesthetics Tour Continued

### Tiny Homes

Functionally, RVs do it better, but have different aesthetic



### Psychedelic

Related to Art Nouveau, Op Art, paisley etc.



Hippie aesthetic

Flower power, macrame (food too)



## Localvore, locavore



## Surrealism

a 20th-century avant-garde movement in art and literature that sought to release the creative potential of the unconscious mind, for example by the irrational juxtaposition of images.

From <<https://www.google.com/search?q=surrealism&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>>



## Art Deco

**Art Deco** is an elegant style of decorative art, design and architecture which began as a Modernist reaction against the **Art Nouveau** style. It is characterized by the use of angular, symmetrical geometric forms.

From <<https://www.google.com/search?q=art+deco&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>>

1920s, 1930s and 1940s before its popularity waned after [World War II](#).

From <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art\\_Deco](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_Deco)>



## Art Nouveau

a style of decorative art, architecture, and design prominent in western Europe and the US from about 1890 until World War I and characterized by intricate linear designs and flowing curves based on natural forms.

From <<https://www.google.com/search?q=art+nouveau&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>>



## Whiplash Curve



## Maxfield Parrish



(July 25, 1870 – March 30, 1966) was an American painter and [illustrator](#) active in the first half of the 20th century. He is known for his distinctive saturated hues and idealized neo-classical imagery.

From <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxfield\\_Parrish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxfield_Parrish)>



**Charles Rennie Mackintosh** (7 June 1868 – 10 December 1928) was a Scottish architect, designer, water colourist and artist. He was a designer in the [Post-Impressionist](#) movement and also the main representative of [Art Nouveau](#) in the United Kingdom. He had considerable influence on European design.

## Arts and Crafts Movement

- 1850-1900 Pushback against Industrial Age. Handcrafted wood furniture



- **William Morris**





**Recap:**

- **Art deco:** Popular in the 1920s and 1930s; zigzags, sharp angles and stepped designs; influenced by jazz and skyscrapers. Think *The Great Gatsby*.
- **Art nouveau:** Popular in the late 19th century; whiplash curves; nature-inspired designs; finely crafted metal and wood. Think Rivendell or signs for the Paris Metro.
- **Arts and Crafts:** Popular in the mid-19th century; handcrafted and artisan-made wood, pottery, tile and stained glass; nature motifs done simply; rectilinear forms. Think William Morris and bungalow style.

From <<http://www.houzz.com/ideabooks/30718392/list/art-deco-art-nouveau-arts-and-crafts-whats-the-difference>>

## Retro

**Retro style** is style that is consciously derivative or imitative of trends, music, modes, fashions, or attitudes of the recent past, typically 15–20 years old.

From <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Retro\\_style](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Retro_style)>

More like past 60 - 70 years

## Washi paper

Japanese traditional art paper; texture and prints, for origami etc.



## Heavy metal



## Surf music



NOT the Beach Boys

Dick Dale, founder of genre, much 'wet' spring reverb, bouzouki stylings, from Greek 1920's Rembetika music, surf beat = syrto rhythm

i.e. Miserlou

<http://www.insectsurfers.com/> Ocotillo sample track

## Lolita fashion

(ロリータ・ファッション *Rorita fasshon*<sup>2</sup>) is a fashion [subculture](#) originating in Japan that is based on [Victorian](#) and [Edwardian](#) clothing, but the style has expanded greatly beyond Japan

From [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lolita\\_fashion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lolita_fashion)



## Glam



## Preppie, golf



Gucci driving moccasins



Trucker culture



Las Vegas Casinos



Disney princesses



Mariachi



Black velvet Elvis



Frank Sinatra/ rat pack



Sopranos/Mob culture



Sneakers

