







Lamp by Crea-re.



Sarah Morris Photography

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If you're ever stuck for upcycling inspiration, you'll always find ideas at the Upcyclist blog which features original upcycling,

eco-design and sustainable living, with gorgeous pictures to match. It's written by Antonia Edwards, a former interiors editor, who showcases designers who style, craft and create using vintage, reclaimed, repurposed, natural and sustainably sourced materials.

The idea for starting her blog in 2011 came after being inspired by an illustrator friend, Sophie Crichton, who painted on pieces of discarded furniture she'd found on the street. 'It struck me that being able to create a beautiful, durable and desirable product from waste takes imagination, innovation and skill,' says Antonia. 'But there was a lack of online resources showcasing artisans like Sophie. I was inspired to curate an online space that featured upcycled pieces, works that genuinely lengthened the lifespan of the materials used, because they could be considered works of art.'

www.upcyclist.co.uk





If you're already a fan of Antonia's blog, you'll be pleased to hear about her latest book, Renovate Innovate: Reclaimed and Upcycled Homes (Prestel, £35), featuring a beautiful collection of homes and dwellings from around

the world, realised through the artistry of upcycling and renovation.

A visual feast for lovers of the world of interiors, it explores how homes can emerge from doing something unpredictable with materials and buildings that others might consider unrecoverable. Projects featured include The Love Art Studio, an artist's fascinating live/work space in Thailand built from driftwood; a Slovenian barn turned holiday home; and the studio of architect Ricardo Bofill, made from a converted cement factory. Delve in and prepare to be amazed.

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## **KAY MAYNARD**Kay proves that

nearly anything can be turned into a planter, as she demonstrates beautifully with this antique horn.



## JULIE SPENCER

Looking to add something a bit different to the garden, Julie painted an old magazine rack and turned it into an unusual yet eyecatching planter.

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