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Designer we love

Self-taught furniture builder Christina Cavara takes recycling to a new level with her Salvage Style furnishings line, fashioning one-of-a-kind rustic-chic pieces from what would otherwise end up in the landfill. "We're such a throw-away society," says Cavara, whose furnishings are made from salvaged wood and hardware found curbside. "Things have a second life if you look at them differently." The former interior designer developed a passion for woodworking while restoring her Tacoma home. Here are a few of her salvage tips.

1. Look for furniture of solid wood—you can always cut it up and use the wood for something else.
2. Keep an eye out for vintage hardware, paned windows, doors, or architectural embellishments.
3. Clean wood with soapy water and ammonia, fence boards with soapy water and bleach.

INFO Cavara's Salvage Style pieces are available at Dwell (closed Mon; 2716 N. 21st St.; Tacoma; 253/761-1889).

WEEKEND PROJECT

Tropical tabletop

Bring vibrant Hawaiian florals to your landlocked backyard. Inspired by the outdoor tables at Buzz's Original Steak House in Kailua, Oahu, we created the hibiscus pattern shown here. For our enameled metal table, we used Liquitex Glossies high-gloss acrylic enamel paint (www.liquitex.com). 1. Visit www.sunset.com/hawaii to download our floral template. Depending on your table size, use a copy machine to enlarge or reduce template onto heavy paper or cardstock. 2. Cut out pattern pieces with scissors or a utility knife. 3. Arrange petal pieces on tabletop as desired. 4. Dip with paintbrush in paint and lightly trace around the outside edge of each pattern. Remove pieces. 5. Apply a thick coat of paint (for petals, start near flower's center and fill in one at a time). Let dry, then apply one or two more coats. 6. Once petals' final coat is dry, arrange flower centers, then repeat steps 4 and 5. 7. Once centers are dry, arrange stamen pieces and repeat steps 4 and 5; freehand the stamen dots.

Blue lagoon bath

Cool sea- and sky-inspired hues make this remodeled bathroom as fresh and bracing as a dive into the ocean. Three-quarter-inch square mosaic tiles from Hakatai Enterprises (www.hakatai.com) cover the walls—in Sky Blue on the side walls and Light Blue and Ice Green Blend on the tub wall—to create the soothing liquid effect. A glass skylight running the width of the shower floods the

wisps of steam from the showerhead, adding to the open-air mood. The idea, according to architect Hiromi Ogawa, was to turn Isabel Samaras and Marcos Sorensen's conventional bathroom into something special without adding square footage. Samaras affirms its success: "Everyone wants to use it all the time." **DESIGN** Hiromi Ogawa Architects, Portland and San Francisco (hiromiogawa.com).



CLOTHESLINE-FRESH

To capture the breezy summer fragrance of fresh-washed laundry on a clothesline, Lucas Heldfond—owner of eco-friendly home store Spring in San Francisco—recommends Caldrea Linen Spray in the new Ginger Pomelo scent: "It makes your clothes feel like they were kissed by the tropics." \$12 for 32 oz.; www.springinc.com.