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## Organizing Café:

### Color Versus Clutter

Decorate or organize? Do both and a more lovely life. April 15, 7 PM.

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## Consider This

A current TV ad shows a commuter with a water bottle in her car with a tag line, "45 minutes in the car; a thousand years in a landfill." An email from [Rubbermaid](#) states that according to the Container Recycling Institute, an estimated 86% of plastic water bottles go unrecycled every year in America. Refill a reusable bottle and feel good in more ways than one.



## Go Green

It seems the only retailer I know who hasn't gone green is my local gas station! Everything has an earth-friendly angle these days. In My new guilty pleasure is a show called "wasted" on the DIY channel. It shows how little changes can net positive impacts and dollars.

A Redesign is the ultimate example of repurpose and re-finding. In a redesign this month, we used two end tables to create a single cocktail table. A long-forgotten lamp was pulled from the garage and looks so trendy now. Grandma's sewing chest is the perfect end table. A table that was about to be thrown out was used as a

## Be Cool, Go Green

1. Natural materials like bamboo are trendy and functional. Did you know bamboo is technically a grass? It literally grows like a weed, making it easy to harvest. Bamboo shades underneath long side panels is not only beautiful but functional.
2. Low impact materials, like Sherwin Williams low volatile organic compound (VOC) paints including Duration, are easy to use, better for people, and earth friendly. Is that worth an extra \$5?
3. Storage doesn't have to mean using boring plastic bins. Bamboo comes in so many attractive storage containers. Cardboard is appropriate for so many storage tasks, and can be recycled. Even canvas is a great storage material sometimes.
4. Restore. When we moved, I couldn't bear to buy a new sofa and see the old one go to a landfill. I hired commissioned a fresh new slipcover. Not only did I save money, I also saved manufacturing and delivery resources.
5. Reclaim value. I arranged for the old matching loveseat to be donated to a local charity. I will get a tax deduction, and this useable piece in good condition will literally go to a good home.

**Simple Tip: Donations to a charity benefit everyone only if they are in good condition and working order.**

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