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Brighten your home with splashes of color under your feet, above your head, and in the kitchen, bath and living room, and there'll be no winter doldrums.



LOOP DE LOOP

A fair-trade product designed in Australia and handmade in India, the Dharti rug is 100% felted New Zealand wool. Shown in orange, it's a colorful way to set off a conversation area or add cozy cheer in front of the fire. Also available in red and two other motifs. Small: 55 inches x 79 inches. \$1,115. Medium: 66 inches x 94 inches. \$1,620. Large: 78 inches x 118 inches. \$2,380. branchhome.com



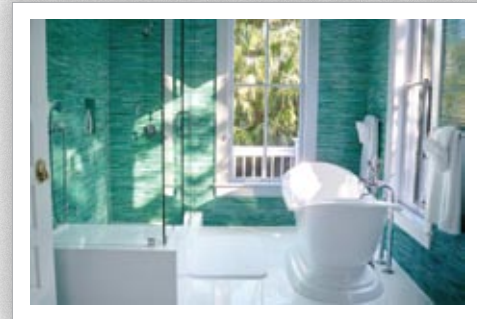
SLICE IT, DICE IT, CUT, OR CHOP

Cooking's way more fun with aesthetically amusing Technicolor tools. Designed by Italy-based LucidiPevere Studio for Normann Copenhagen, the ergonomically designed, stainless-steel knife is easy to use with one hand and features an accident-prevention rubber cover. Great for herbs, chocolate, veggies, and more. Choose from vivid pink, azure blue, gray, and black. 5.9-inch diameter. \$48. aplusrstore.com



DECANT YE ALL

Enliven your décor with Joe Cariati's mix-and-match Petite Decanters—plum, tourmaline, gray, steel blue, topaz, and amber as seen left to right in the photo—and conversation will flow as easily as the wine. Custom-blown into six shapes—tear drop, low round, tall bottle, wine jug, straight cone, and flask—there's one for every entertaining moment. The straight cone is the tallest at 21 inches, and the low round the shortest at 11 inches. \$385 each. Bergdorf Goodman, New York, and online. joecariati.com



MIXING MOSAICS

The artists at Mixed-Up Mosaics create designs of glass tiles for the entire house, from bathrooms to backsplashes to fireplace surrounds, in every conceivable hue, and patterns limited only by the imagination, among them birds, lions, florals, traditional, and the client's own designs. Handmade in the U.S., the tiles "lock" together for seamless installation. \$110 and up per square foot depending upon pattern. mosaicdesigner@aol.com or Gary at 212-243-9944.

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BEAUTIFUL BAUBLES

Forget about drapes and screens. The Jewel Box Room Divider by Tracy Glover is practicality with a gorgeous twist. Her handblown glass “jewels” come in five patterns and six shapes, numerous colorations, and sizes up to 7 inches in diameter and 12 inches long. Cascading from ceiling to floor on brushed brass or nickel chain or stainless-steel cable, they reflect light, grace, and glamour. Price dependent upon style. tracygloverstudio.com



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SPEED SEATING

Talk about putting old aluminum traffic signs, hardware, and champagne corks (the chairs’ foot pads) to good use! Hand-fabricated by Boris Bally, whose work has been exhibited in the Victoria & Albert and Brooklyn Museums among other institutions, these amusing Transit Chairs would add a delightful zing to a hallway, kid’s room, or around the breakfast table. A variety of designs are available. 48 x 16 x 21 inches. \$1,100 for the trio. ecofirstart.com



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LET THE SUN SHINE IN

Just one of several styles from Viz Art Glass, the Golden Era Chandelier will add a summertime glow *chez vous* now and year-round. Custom-made in a range of colors, each is unique, composed of small, individually shaped and blown fragments of glass. Large: 38 x 42 x 42 inches (225 watts), approximately \$4,350; small: 30 x 36 x 36 inches (150 watts), approximately \$3,150. vizartglass.com



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SOUND SENSATION

Leave it to Philippe Starck to conjure up the wireless Zikmu Parrot Speakers. Sleekly shaped, they’re as much sculpture as electronic. Compatible with iPods and iPhones, packed with advanced technology delivering powerful sound with spectacular clarity, they can be found in lime, red, gray, black, and white. Created of ABS, PMMA resin, and acoustically transparent cloth. 12.5 inches x 29 inches. \$1,600. conranusa.com

