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ARTWORK, LIGHTING

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recycled bottle lights + karen gelardi



this morning is a great morning. why? because [american idol](#) turned out exactly the way i hoped last night! i don't want to spoil the outcome for anyone who hasn't watched it (or who cares) but this morning i'm a happy lady. so i thought i'd start the day with some eye-candy that also has me smiling: lighting made from recycled plastic bottles by [sara turner of redesign](#). they're part of [EDF energy ideal home show](#) in london. [nottingham trent university](#)'s enterprise development center- "the hive"- collects plastic bottles from the university cafes and gives them to sarah to clean and sandblast (to get the white color) for her work. such a great way to reuse college cafe waste. [click here](#) for more information on sarah's work.



13 comments

Jennifer "JR" said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 8:41 am

fabulous lights! I have made some water bottle chandeliers, and have seen many variations... but this is extraordinary!

sarah said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 8:53 am

great re-use. beautiful work!

Loves Rugs said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 8:57 am

YES! Love that I'm not the only person in the design world who watches American Idol!! And these lights are BEAUTIFUL!!!!

Rachel B. said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 9:01 am

Oh My God Those Lights Are Amazing!

Mónica (NiuTaller) said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 9:02 am

These lights are great!! I like very much the blog..I always visit it..congratulations!!

Courtney Khail said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 9:34 am

That is so beautiful (and quirky... which makes me love it even more.) I would have never guessed it was plastic, let alone recycled bottles!

visualingual said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 9:46 am

That light fixture is fantastic! It reminds me of the IQ Light [you can see it in a photo of our dining area]. It's a similar idea of interlocking, modular pieces, but this one is way cooler because it recycles materials. Swoon!

Amanda said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 10:45 am

I want that table lamp...

Andre said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 12:55 pm

Seriouly? Can you make a lamp for me? Just tell me how much. Awesome work!!!!

Greer said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 2:57 pm

Have you had a look at South African Designer Heath Nash's lights? FABULOUS!

Carissa said:
April 2nd, 2009 - 6:05 pm

These are just fabulous! I am also loving recycled lights and just posted about them! come take a look!

mrs boo radley said:
April 3rd, 2009 - 12:18 am

I'm madly in love with these lights. Madly.

Eleanor said:
April 3rd, 2009 - 6:07 am

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