

Carol Marcotte doesn't want to see useful items go to waste. That's one of her main concerns at Form & Function.

"We definitely have a green aspect to the business," says Marcotte, who opened her store in May. "We're trying to find things that were maybe destined for the landfill and turn them into functional, beautiful pieces for the home."

Marcotte prides herself on the ability to turn discarded and forgotten items into worthwhile additions to your home.

"Things that had a former life that I've updated for today," she says. "I try to find pieces that are quirky and fun, but things that I can turn into a functional piece."

For example, she took a military trunk and added industrial casters and glass to make a coffee table.

"The repurposing things I have are unique to this area," Marcotte says. "I've taken old railing parts to my welder and he's made lamps out of them. I have an old industrial kitchen palette that we turned into a coffee table. It's stainless steel. It looks very modern."

In case you don't make the connection when you're looking at a piece, many items have story boards with them, suggesting for example, "I was old barn wood."

"People may not be aware that it is repurposed or that there is a green aspect to it," she says. "They're just looking at it as a



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beautiful, classic piece of furniture to add to their home."

One of her favorite pieces is a galvanized metal top coffee table.

"It's such a unique, beautiful piece with great patina. It has a circular top and a circular base. There's rawness and an organic feel, yet it's very classical. It's stunning."

Marcotte can do more than just sell you a re-imagined item to adorn your home. She provides interior design consultation, restyling and repositioning a homeowner's furniture and decor.

"I want to use as much of the homeowner's stuff as possible and not push more stuff on them," she says.

Marcotte is doing her part to keep her line of work in the public's awareness. She is developing a map that highlights 26 businesses in Raleigh's design district, all of which are antique and design businesses. The maps will be carried in all participating stores.