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# Useful and Easy Upcycling Ideas for Every Skill Level

From thrifted furniture to empty plastic containers, we're creating bold styles (and saving serious \$\$\$).

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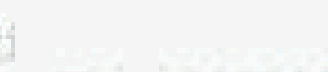
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## Before: Glass Vase

While a simple glass vase is a nice way to display flowers or greenery, it doesn't make much of a statement — and chances are you have more than one laying around collecting dust.

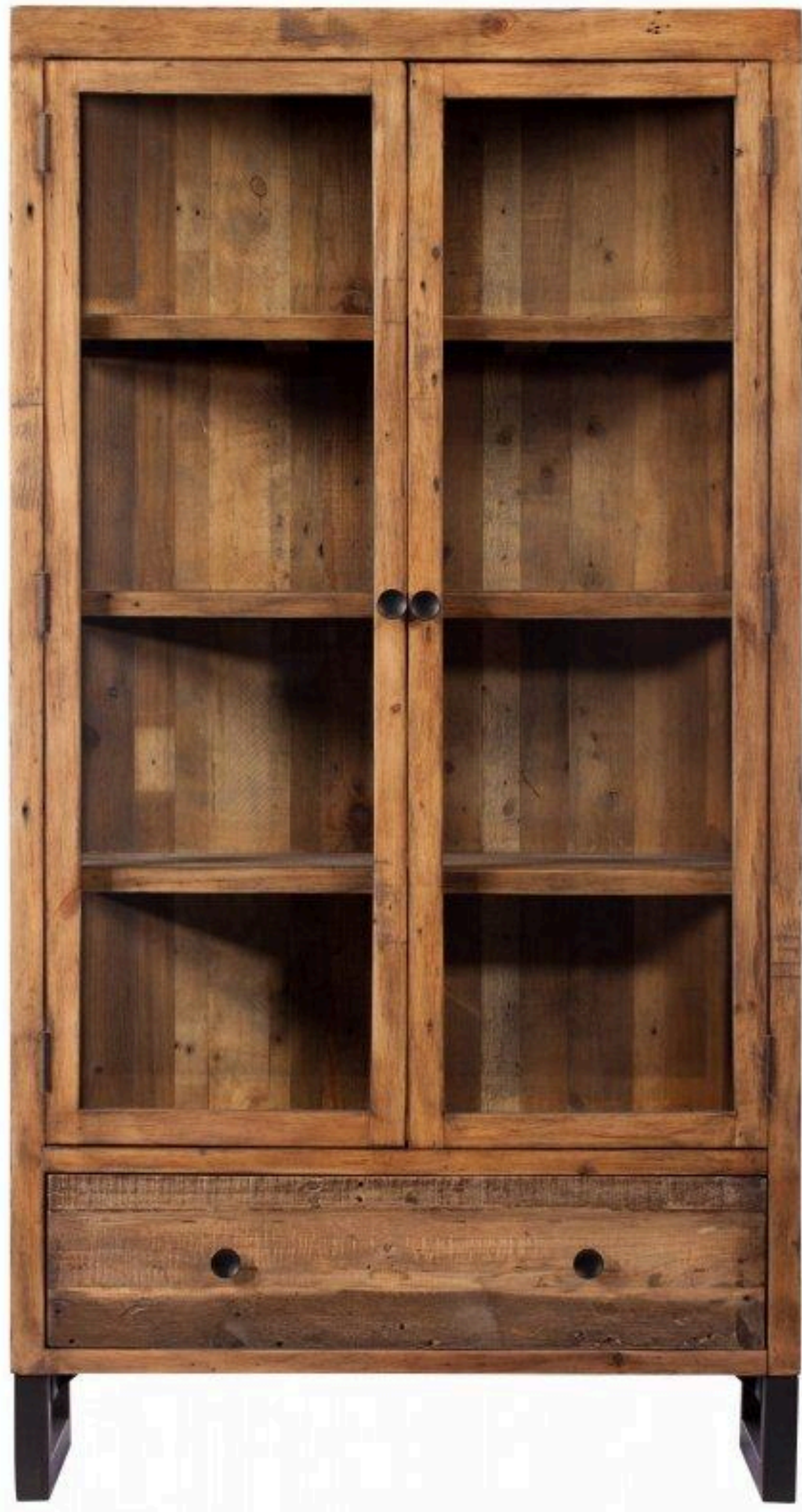


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### **After: Nautical Vase**

All you need is a roll or two of jute rope to turn a boring vase into a beautiful ocean-inspired vessel. Hot glue the jute rope around the vase row by row until you're content with the final result.

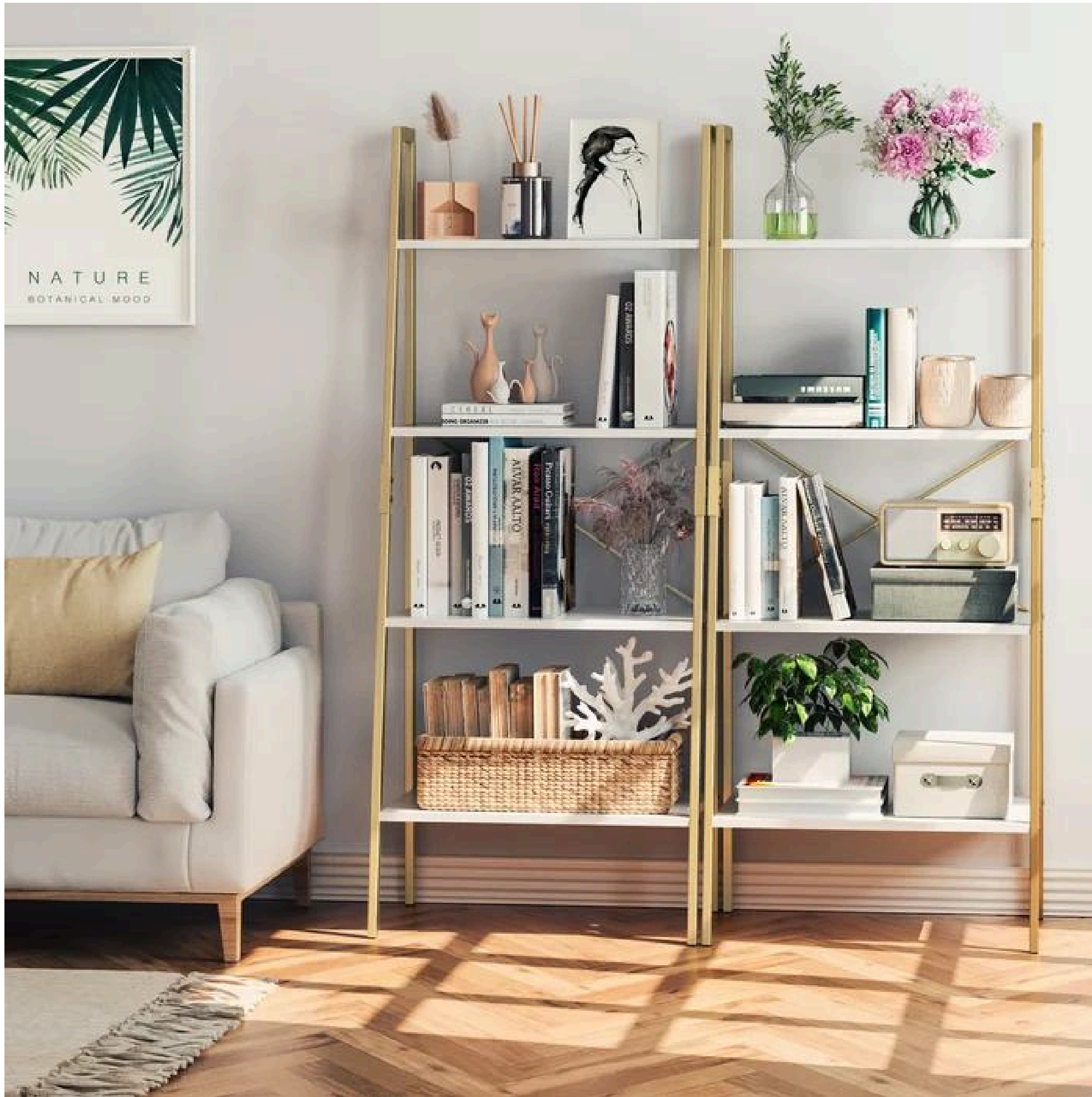




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## Before: Dated Cabinet

Tired of looking at your drab, dated cabinet? Turn it into a conversation piece in just a few simple steps. Get your furniture DIY ready by removing the hardware, lightly sanding the wood and wiping it clean.



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## After: Botanical Bookcase

Transform an old cabinet into a beautiful bookcase with peel-and-stick wallpaper — like this Spoonflower design full of dandelions, yarrows and tansy. To get started, measure and trim the wallpaper to fit the back of each shelf. Peel back the bottom left corner and set in place. Use a wallpaper smoother or credit card to remove any air bubbles.



# 5.

## Before: Jute Rope

If you craft regularly, you probably have a collection of jute rope at home. Use your jute rope to turn a slew of household items into chic decor.





## 6.

### After: Rope Star Mirror

Upgrade a basic round mirror with a spool of jute rope and a bit of creativity. You'll have to hammer in a few nails then wrap the rope in a thoughtful pattern. The best part? We've estimated the entire project will cost less than \$25.





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## Before: Stack of Old Books

Whether you've got an overcrowded bookshelf or dusty novels in storage, a stack of old books is a great starting point for a home project.



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## After: Book Side Table

To recreate this elegant side table, you'll need to drill a hole the size of your dowel through each book's center. Cut trim to form a box frame that fits snugly around one book, and nail it to the tabletop's underside. Stack your books or encyclopedias, lining up the holes. Glue the dowel to the center of the table's underside and screw it through the holes to secure them to the tabletop.



9.

## **Before: Wood Pallet**

Most hardware stores (like Lowe's), garden shops or furniture retailers will give pallets for free if you ask.





## 10. After: Patio Table

Once you add a layer of exterior paint and attach metal casters, you can barely recognize these wood pallets. The end result is a sturdy, portable coffee table.