

Shop local, San Diego: Eco-friendly products for the home - Part 1

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San Diego beaches are notorious not just for collecting tourists but tons of bottles and trash. [Christina Nixon](#) has managed to turn this tourist destination downside into a full time business – with her own Etsy shop specializing in lampwork glass beads and micromosaics. Walking her dog through Torrey Pines Glider Park, she'll spot a piece of string or a broken bottle and store it for later, turning someone's trash into a one of a kind, eco-friendly bottle stopper or silverware ornament. With a local element to her designs, Nixon has found a new way to reuse and recycle.

Clean up your act with [Outre Beauty Bistro's](#) elegantly designed and locally created soap squares – using local products with a local mindset, this Etsy seller and blogger finds time during her busy schedule to create one

of a kind, French inspired soap. The first step to taking care of your body's largest organ begins with a chemical free soap, and that's Outre (Ootrey) Beauty Bistro. Using everything from herbs from her own garden to familiar scents (like melon, vanilla, coconut and banana) she has created a business that survives through her powerful spirit.

Anti-fatigue comfort mats made by eco-friendly Arizona based company [Sublime](#) provide comfort at your feet in some of your most traveled areas – from the kitchen sink to the laundry room. With its use of "high frequency double vacuum embossing triple structure technology," these comfortable and stylish mats offer a safe, anti-microbial alternative to the area rug. Developed using non-toxic materials that are proved to reduce fatigue, back pain and more, these nationally distributed comfort mats (found at San Diego's [Bed, Bath & Beyond](#) in Mission Valley) easily brighten up your more traversed areas.

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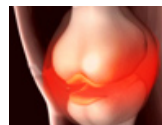
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