

Shopp & Style

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◀ **Roost** recycled wine-bottle glass, \$12; and **Clovere** handblown glass tumbler, \$45; both at Still House, 117 E 7th St between First Ave and Ave A (212-539-0200, bystillhouse.com)

To most, these artisan drinking glasses look like elegant additions to everyday place settings, but Berkus sees even more potential in them. “One of my favorite things about New York is that you can find affordable flowers in the delis, so I love the idea of tightly packed roses in a juice glass,” he muses. “You can get a dozen in there if you trim them down.”

▶ **Wedgwood** ceramic dish, \$35, at A Repeat Performance, 156 First Ave between 9th and 10th Sts (212-529-0832, repeatperformancenyc.com)

One thing Berkus routinely hunts for is vintage Wedgwood ceramics. “There’s a lot of it out there, so you have to be selective,” he notes. “I only collect black-and-white or gray pieces. It’s sort of easy and fun to look for when I’m out shopping, and it looks best grouped together.” He currently keeps a Wedgwood dish for soap on his bathroom sink, and plans to add a pair of vases for storing Q-tips.



“I love old gilded pieces—I think they are incredibly glamorous,” gushes Berkus, who acknowledges that a triple-digit price tag for a trash can is a bit extreme. “However, if you’re going to go there and do a beautiful vanity for yourself or leave it out by a desk, this is [more like] jewelry.”

◀ Gilded-metal wastebasket, \$150, at White Trash, 304 E 5th St between First and Second Aves (212-598-5956, whitetrashnyc.com)



▲ Snakeskin place mat, \$7, at Archangel Antiques, 334 E 9th St between First and Second Aves (212-260-9313, archangelantiques.com)

Since Berkus’s home collection for Target is a long-term project that will be refreshed every few months, it gives the avid shopper a reason to indulge in his beloved hobby of thrifting. “I’m looking for things that inspire the line all the time,” he notes, picking up a pair of mustard-colored place mats. “How sick are these? I could see doing them for Target in different bright colors, or maybe black or white patent snakeskin.”

Shopping with Nate Berkus

The affable interior designer shows us how to rummage for affordable, character-building home decor in the East Village. By **Cristina Velocci**

Since appearing as a guest on Oprah in 2002, interior designer Nate Berkus (nateberkusdesign.com) has become a beloved household name in his own right. Although his eponymous TV show ended this spring after two seasons, he doesn’t show any signs of stopping with his latest projects: a 150-piece collection of affordable home decor (\$6–\$150) for Target (*locations throughout the city; visit target.com*), which hits shelves on October 21, and a stunning coffee-table book called *The Things That Matter* (out Tuesday 16 from Spiegel & Grau, \$35), in which he profiles 14 gorgeous yet lived-in spaces, including those of notable New Yorkers such as style blogger Kelly Framel, socialite Fabiola Beracasa, sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer and his own West Village pad. “It’s about filling your home with items that resonate with or speak to you, and not necessarily about stuff that already comes with a history,” he says. “Sometimes it’s just about finding objects that make what you already own feel a little bit more important.” In that spirit, we had the thrift hound—who estimates that 90 percent of the items he uses in design projects are vintage—take us shopping in the East Village to show us how it’s done.

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