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I know it might look gross to some people, but my family goes out every year when college students are moving out of their apartments and find so many treasures! Most of the items in my apartment are either found while dumpster diving or bought at garage sales and facebook marketplace. There is even an upcycled item too!



Dumpster Dived Items:

1. Lamp in corner
2. Coffee table
3. White rolling shelves
4. Small fan in corner
5. Working TV
6. Laundry Basket
7. White shelves in corner
8. Working record player (not pictured)

Bought at garage sales/Facebook marketplace:

1. Couch (\$100)
2. Mattress (\$60) (not pictured)
3. Nightstand (20)
4. Black chair in corner
5. Vintage folding dining table (\$30) (not pictured)
6. Rug (\$10)



Received secondhanded:

1. Several pillows
2. Wii
3. Toaster

Upcycled:

1. Grey velvet ottoman



My upcycling project:

This was a project that took about 6 months of on and off work, and some help from my grandma. I saw a pair of old worn leather ottomans my neighbors set out on the curb. I picked them up and took them home, with the idea to turn them into some cute seating for my dorm (at the time). I took off the fabric, took off the padding that was underneath, and took off all the old cardboard that created a harder shell. I stapled new cardboard on and got to the point where I put new padding around the entire ottoman. I picked out some nice velvet fabric which I found on sale at JoAnns, cut it, but couldn't figure out exactly how to sew the pieces on correctly so my fabulous grandma took it home and finished the sewing in her free time. It turned out great and makes a super cute addition to my apartment. It provides additional seating, or works as a foot rest or table.



I posted the information about my upcycling project on my Facebook, along with some information about a circular economy and tips to “close the loop”

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From 'ew' to 'looks like new'!! I upcycled this old ottoman I found on my neighbor's curb to a cute grey velvet seat! A circular economy focuses on keeping materials in use for as long as possible. Refurbishing is just one of the ways to do this (like I did with the ottoman). Other ways to do it are recycling, rethinking your consumption (do you ~really~ need?), repairing objects instead of buying new ones, selling/donating the products you no longer use instead of throwing them away. Reducing your consumption of energy, clothing and other objects is a great way to close the loop too!
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