

EXPERT OPINION:



HOW TO **GET RID OF YOUR CLOTHES**

Take control of your wardrobe with these tips from **Melanie Charlton Fascitelli**, author of the book *Shop Your Closet: The Ultimate Guide to Organizing Your Closet with Style* (\$20, Collins).



1 → **Call for backup.** Bring a friend who isn't afraid to tell you that your favorite top is more *Ugly Betty* than *Project Runway*.



2 → **Take 'em away.** Remove the rejects soon after you're done sorting. They'll end up back in your closet if they sit around.



3 → **Set up shop.** Arrange your closet like a boutique; hang items from light to dark on hangers facing one direction.



Message in a Bottle

Spread the word that less is more (plastic that is) with these three eco-friendly ways to kick the bottled-water habit. —SUSAN ASHLEY MOORE

FILL 'ER UP

Per gallon, bottled water costs more than gas. Save money—and space in landfills—while getting your eight glasses a day with a **FILTERFORGOOD REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE** (\$10, filterforgood.com). Designed by Brita and Nalgene, the bottle is meant to be refilled with filtered tap water.

SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL

Sure, glass bottles are recyclable, but why not avoid them all together? Follow the lead of chefs like Mario Batali, who are carbonating their own sparkling water at restaurants, and make your own with a **SODA-CLUB CARBONATION MACHINE** (\$80, sodaclubusa.com).

STOP & GO

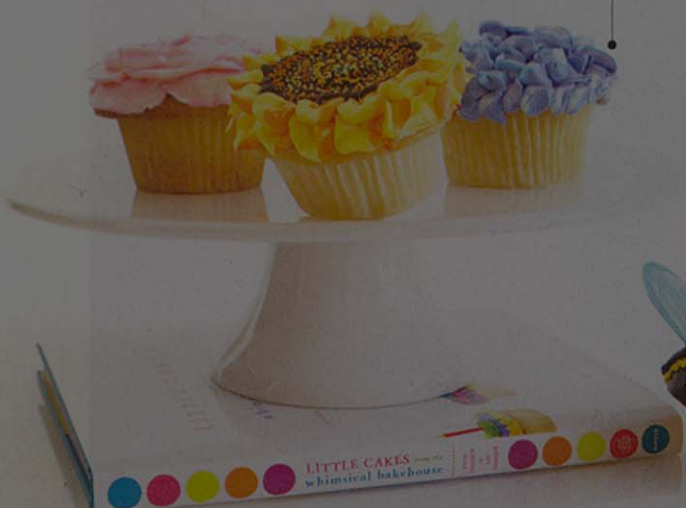
If you have to grab a drink on the run, make sure it's from a bottle made with less-clogged landfills in mind. Brands like Poland Spring, Arrowhead and Fiji are now making bottles with up to 30 percent less wasteful plastic, so you're filled with water rather than guilt.

Cupcake **cute-off!**

Sprinkles just don't cut it anymore: Two new cookbooks are filled with over-the-top cupcake designs. Find inspiration, then whip up your own.

LITTLE CAKES FROM THE WHIMSICAL BAKEHOUSE by Kaye Hansen and Liv Hansen (\$26, Clarkson Potter). Skip the flower food—frosting brings these full blooms to life. Pipe small petals onto each cupcake to "grow" roses, sunflowers and hydrangeas.

HELLO, CUPCAKE! by Karen Tack and Alan Richardson (\$16, Houghton Mifflin). Strike up baker's envy with a set of bowling pins: Top each cupcake with a doughnut hole and frost!



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