

WHEN YOU WANT OR NEED TO BUY A NEW ITEM – BY EMILEY PATTERSON

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN USE THAT SERVES THE SAME FUNCTION?

YES

CAN YOU ALTER THIS ITEM TO MAKE IT WHAT YOU WANT/NEED IT TO BE?

NO

IS THE ITEM THAT YOU WANT SOMETHING THAT YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE AND SAFE WITH BUYING SECOND-HAND?

NO

YES

DOES ANYONE YOU KNOW HAVE ONE THAT THEY NO LONGER USE/NEED?

NO

YES

COULD YOU MOVE THIS ITEM WITH YOUR CURRENT TRANSPORTATION?

ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH USING TECHNOLOGY?

NO

YES

DOES THE ITEM NEED TO BE UPDATED OR REPAIRED?

YES

CHECK ONLINE PLATFORMS THAT SELL USED ITEMS TO SEE IF WHAT YOU WANT CAN BE ACQUIRED FOR FREE, FOR A TRADE, OR FOR A REASONABLE PRICE. YOU MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO FIND A LOCAL TRADESPERSON OR FRIEND WHO CAN MAKE YOU WHAT YOU WANT/NEED.

WHEN BUYING SOMETHING NEW FROM A STORE OR BUSINESS:

- **CONSIDER CHOOSING “NEW” PRODUCTS – ONES THAT ARE REFURBISHED BY A REPUTABLE COMPANY OR THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER, AS THESE ITEMS WILL TYPICALLY HAVE SOME SORT OF WARRANTY OR QUALITY CONTROL ATTACHED. THESE ITEMS ALSO TEND TO BE A LITTLE BIT CHEAPER.**
- **CONSIDER BUYING A PRODUCT THAT IS ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY.**
- **CONSIDER A PRODUCT THAT IS REUSABLE OR DURABLE ENOUGH TO LAST LONGER THAN HOWEVER LONG YOU WOULD NEED IT FOR (IN THE HOPES THAT SOMEONE ELSE CAN USE IT AFTER YOU OR WITHSTAND UNEXPECTED WEAR AND TEAR).**

**PURSUDE NON-TECH WAYS TO FIND ITEMS FOR FREE/TRADE/REASONABLE PRICE:
LOCAL SECOND-HAND STORES
CURBSIDE GIVAWAYS
PUTTING A CLASSIFIED AD IN A PAPER
PUTTING UP POSTERS
COMMISSIONING SOMEONE TO MAKE IT FOR YOU.**

NO

COULD YOU MOVE THIS ITEM WITH YOUR CURRENT TRANSPORTATION?

NO

**CONSIDER:
ASKING A FRIEND TO HELP YOU MOVE THIS ITEM WHEN IT IS ACQUIRED.
RENTING A TRUCK, IF NEEDED.
INVESTIGATING DELIVERY OPTIONS.**

YES

DOES THE ITEM NEED TO BE UPDATED OR REPAIRED?

NO

EXCELLENT, ENJOY YOUR NEW-TO-YOU THING!

YES

CAN YOU ALTER THIS ITEM TO MAKE IT WHAT YOU WANT/NEED IT TO BE?

NO

SEE IF THERE ARE OTHERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT WOULD WANT THIS ITEM, AND MAKE SURE TO INFORM THEM OF THE CONDITION THE ITEM IS IN.

YES

WILL YOU NEED HELP?

NO

DO YOU HAVE THE SUPPLIES/TOOLS YOU WILL NEED?

NO

CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN YOUR SOCIAL NETWORKS TO SEE WHO MIGHT HAVE WHAT YOU NEED THAT CAN BE BORROWED OR USED.

CONSIDER MAKING TRADES OR RENTING ITEMS, RATHER THAN BUYING NEW.

MAKE SURE TO READ PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND BE MINDFUL OF THE RISKS INVOLVED WITH USING THEM.

YES

YES

**HAVE FUN WITH YOUR DIY PROJECT!
:)**

YES

CONNECT WITH:

- **REPAIREXCHANGE**
- **FRIENDS**
- **INTERNET KNOWLEDGE**
- **PROFESSIONALS**