



I Need To Buy That Thing!

DO I REALLY NEED IT?

yes!

well, if you really think you DO need it...

nothing nada zilch orama
CAN I GET IT FOR FREE?

- gleaning [fruit]
- skip dipping [supermarket skips]
- hard rubbish
- wood pallets [on curbs]
- hand-me-downs [from friends]
- seedlings [grown by friends]
- create [recycle/re-think]
- free-cycle [join online]
- swap or barter

no

of course you may
CAN I BORROW IT?

- library -- books
-- newspapers & mags
-- CDs and DVDs
-- board games
- friends -- books
-- CDs and DVDs
-- tools
-- camping equipment
-- clothes and shoes
-- car

no

gimme gimme gimme
BUT WAIT... DO I JUST WANT IT?

- why do i want it?
- do i think the product will make me cool or better-looking?
- have i been seduced by advertising?
- do i want it because "everyone else has one?"

yes to any/all

RESIST! Stop being held captive by your stuff! Use your mind, not your credit card!

go write a poem or visit ur grandmother!

no

CAN I MAKE OR MEND IT MYSELF?

- resist our "disposable society" and try to mend broken or torn products
- if i can't fix it, can i recycle it into something else instead of throwing it out?
- can i make what i need out of resources i have at hand?

no

use me use me re-use me...
CAN I BUY IT SECOND-HAND OR RECYCLED?

- op shops -- clothes and shoes
-- linens and blankets
-- kitchen items
-- books
- salvage yards -- building materials
- online -- gumtree
-- ebay
-- trading post
- garage sales

no

OK THEN, IF I MUST, CAN I BUY ONE THAT DOESN'T DAMAGE PEOPLE OR THE PLANET?

- fair trade
- sweatshop-free
- eco-friendly
- animal-friendly
- energy saving
- locally grown or made
- independent shops [not chains]

yes

GOOD JOB! Go forth with care and buy but don't be swayed from this decision!

RE-ASSESS! If there is no other choice, then at least go buy some carbon credits or plant a tree and try harder next time!

no

shame... oh the shame...

i love this green + blue cosmic ball