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**Best Place to Support Local Artisans:**

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Finally, there's a place where lovers of pottery, mosaic tables and all things handmade can afford to indulge in their passion and support local artisans at the same time. The gist behind Practical Art, which opened in April, is this: locally handcrafted objects for your daily life. Inside are swirled, multicolored ceramic mugs from a Phoenix artist and stoneware bowls made in a Tempe studio. A water fountain, crafted from a reclaimed water heater, drips in the corner, while colorful glass bracelets shine near the counter, and rolling pins chipped by a woodworker are just a few paces away. If you're looking for a substantial piece of furniture, try a Brazilian black and green slate bench with veins of copper. Whether you want an original card or journal made from vintage books and news clippings, or unique ceramics with overlapping finger grooves, Practical Art's got it. Plus, many of the items in the shop are old materials made new, so you can also help the earth by recycling. *5070 N Central Ave., Phoenix, 602-264-1414, practical-art.com.*

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