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UrbanGlass Introduces Barware Inspired by Loos

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Davide Fuin, a master glassblower on the Venetian island Murano, was not amused to receive a box of plastic water bottles from Manuel Gorkiewicz. In fact, “he was very grumpy about it,” said Mr. Gorkiewicz, an artist in Vienna, who asked Mr. Fuin to create glass versions of the bottles, which had been trimmed to form a carafe, a beer glass, a wineglass and a schnapps glass. “To convince him, I told him, ‘It is like an ugly person that you will turn into a beautiful sculpture.’ ” The collection, which will be sold starting on Friday at UrbanGlass in Brooklyn, evolved (Mr. Fuin might say, “devolved”) from Mr. Gorkiewicz’s idea to update Adolf Loos’s Drinking set no. 248, crystal barware first produced in 1931 by Lobmeyr. “I made an ironic comment on this by using trashy, not very ecological things, which are around us every day,” he said. The carafe-and-five-glass set is \$700. Information: urbanglass.org.



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