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## THE NEW HARDWARE STORE



The growing interest in utility goods and workwear has spawned a new retail entity: modern-day hardware and mercantile shops. Here are our new and old favorites:

**1. Manufactum, Germany.** Like a rebooted Sears catalog, Manufactum's online shop is chock-full of useful things. We're obsessed with the stainless steel outdoor weather station. **\$174; [manufactum.com](http://manufactum.com)**



**2. Tokyo Hands, Tokyo, Japan.** Since 1976 this mega-store in the Shibuya neighborhood of Tokyo has offered everything from handmade tools to architectural supplies. Don't leave without the rubber ball sink plugs. **\$15; [hands.net](http://hands.net)**



**3. Old Faithful Shop, Vancouver, Canada.** Beautiful, practical things abound in this shop located in Vancouver's hip Gastown neighborhood, like a useful glass juicer. **\$24; [oldfaithfulshop.com](http://oldfaithfulshop.com)**



**4. Utility, Brighton, United Kingdom.** Utility's no-nonsense household goods are just that. We love the simple enamel storage jars and vintage cutlery. And the iron-on denim patches? Genius. **\$22; [utilitygreatbritain.co.uk](http://utilitygreatbritain.co.uk)**



**5. Kaufmann Mercantile, Brooklyn, New York, USA.** Kaufmann's collection for the kitchen, outdoors, and in most other areas include the world's loveliest wooden slingshot. **\$28; [kaufmann-mercantile.com](http://kaufmann-mercantile.com)**



**6. Lehman's Farm Store, Dalton, Ohio, USA.** Lehman's is the real deal — an old-school farm store where real farmers shop. Stock up on its excellent poison ivy soaps. **\$8; [lehmans.com](http://lehmans.com)**



## GLASS, GRASS AND CLASS

The architect Philip Johnson's Glass House in Connecticut is a famous paean to midcentury minimalism. But the landscape is unexpected — all golden fields and pastoral vistas. Henry Urbach, director of the Glass House, says the agrarian surroundings are just as purposeful as the clear walls of the famous house. "In part, [Johnson] was harkening back to the Ohio farmland he knew as a boy, growing up outside of Cleveland. In part, he was harkening back to an agricultural past in this region," says Urbach. Johnson viewed his work of creating an idealized farm landscape on the property to be his crowning achievement, Urbach says. The now-deceased architect considered himself "pretty good" at designing buildings, but "top-notch" as a landscape architect, on his only major project. —MF

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## THE GREEN ZEBRA: 7-ELEVEN MEETS WHOLE FOODS

Green Zebra, a new healthy convenience store "chain-let" opening this fall in Portland, Oregon, is a mash-up of Whole Foods and 7-Eleven. Like 7-Eleven, it'll stock grab-and-go food and beverages. But instead of hot dogs and Slurpees, you'll find sandwiches, soups and salads — made from scratch — and Stumptown Coffee. Each 5,000-square-foot store — there will be three by spring 2014 — will also be stocked with organic produce, regionally sourced meats and cheeses and a prodigious selection of local microbrews and Oregon wines. Portland's LRS Architects, who designed the stores, added an innovative touch: a walk-up/bike-up window where time-pressed customers can order groceries without setting foot in the store. (A staffer will shop for you.) The first Green Zebra opens this month in the city's up-and-coming Hawthorne neighborhood. Co-founder Lisa Sedlar plans to have 10 stores in the region by 2020. —Hannah Wallace



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