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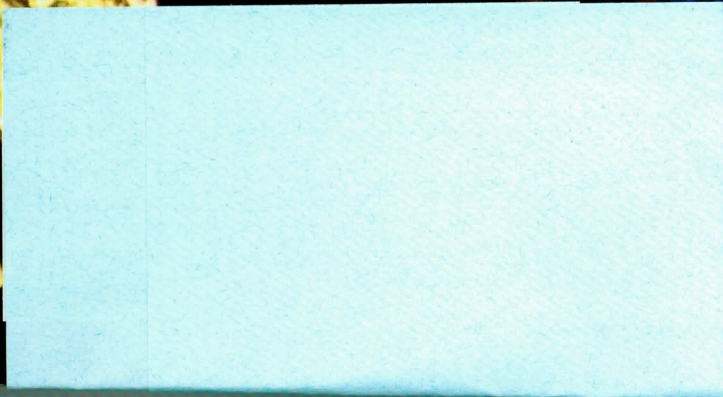
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## Most innovative decorative glass product

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Bio-Glass

*Coverings Etc. Inc.*

Available through Coverings Etc., [www.coveringsetc.com](http://www.coveringsetc.com), Bio-Glass is made from 100 percent recycled glass from beer bottles, wine bottles, water bottles and stemware gathered from recycling centers. It is 100 percent recyclable and available in white, light green, dark green, blue and brown. All colors are true to their sources; no colorants or epoxies are added to Bio-Glass. The layers of compressed glass pieces create unique patterns through which light permeates, resulting in a solid surface that appears lit from within.

Bio-Glass is Cradle to Cradle Silver certified and can be used for countertops and backsplashes, interior wall partitions, façades and other applications. According to Coverings Etc. officials, it may contribute toward LEED credits. It is available in sheet sizes measuring 110 inches by 50 inches and  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch thick. Bio-Glass can be sawed and drilled using water-cooled diamond tools.

“The BioGlass product reveals that decorative applications are an excellent arena for glass to showcase its sustainable attributes—to really shine, like ‘being lit from within,’” says Crystal Achievement Award Judge Earnest Thompson, director of corporate marketing and brand management for Guardian Industries, [www.guardian.com](http://www.guardian.com).