December - Consumerism
High Tech - Step-By-Step Activity

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Step-by-Step Guide

| Climate Change Topic	Consumerism		
High-tech or Low-tech?	High-Tech		
Duration of Activity (in minutes)	20 minutes	Learning Outcome	● Basic knowledge of how to gift more sustainably ● Estimate the environmental costs and impacts of this consumerism ● Research and source sustainable gifts

Materials Required for Activity	● Mobile phone with internet connection
	● Etsy app
	   ● **App Store:** https://apps.apple.com/ie/app/etsy-custom-creative-goods/id477128284
	   ● **Google Store:** https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.etsy.android&hl=en_IE
	● Thriftify website		

Step-by-step instructions	*The purpose of this tutorial is to teach you how to shop small and local. This helps you to cut down on the harmful production costs of the products you are looking for, and help you to gift sustainably by supporting local businesses and small business owners, and shopping second-hand.* **Etsy** Etsy is an online shopping platform that allows customers to purchase handmade products from small businesses or sole traders. Customers can connect with small business owners across the globe to buy unique, individual crafted products that make perfect gifts. This is a more sustainable form of online shopping as it provides an opportunity for customers to purchase products that are made small-scale and has considerably lessened environmental costs. Below you can find the steps on how you can use Etsy to browse and purchase products from small businesses, and how you can filter your searches to shop locally in Ireland too!		
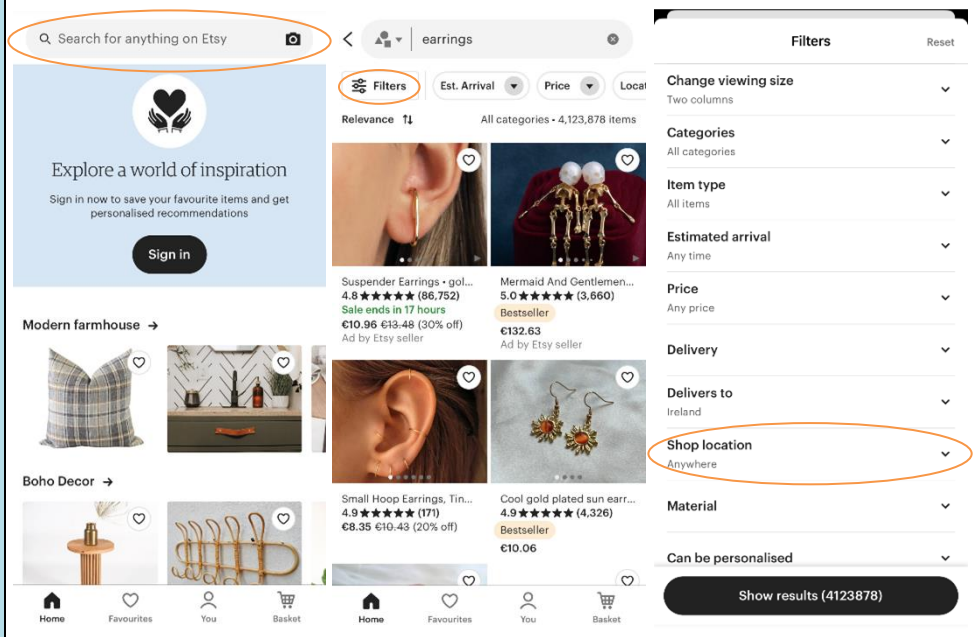
Step 2 - Click the 'Filters' button

Step 3 - Click on the 'Shop Location' button
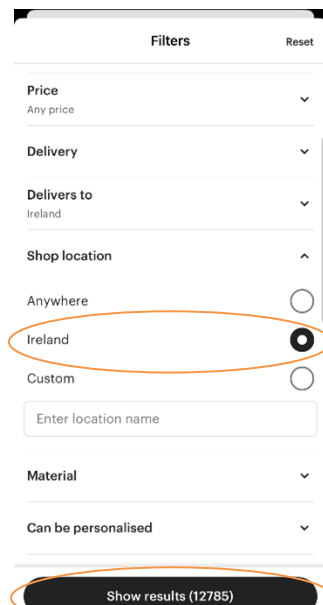
Step 4 - Change the shop location to Ireland, and click 'Show Results'
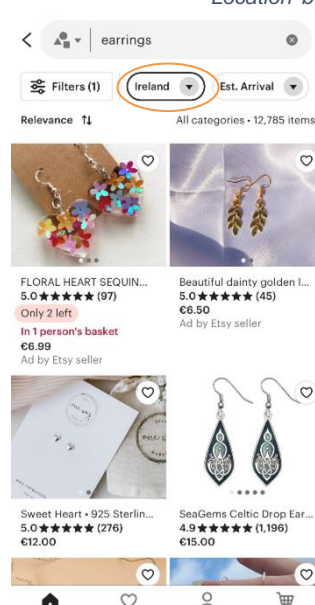
Step 5 - You are now shopping small and local!

- **Step 1:** Download the Etsy app on your phone
- **Step 2:** Open the app and search for an item you would like to gift
- **Step 3:** Click on the 'Filters' button
- **Step 4:** Set your 'Shop Location' to Ireland and click 'Show Results'
- **Step 5:** Now you are shopping local! This helps to cut down on delivery costs on both the pocket and the environment, and also helps reduce the harmful production costs of buying from main retail brands.

Thriftify

Thriftify is an online platform that connects customers to a wide variety of second-hand goods available across several charity shop chains across the country. It

allows customers to browse and purchase second-hand goods while supporting charity, and offers fair and competitive prices for a wide variety of products. This type of shopping is very sustainable as it extends the product lifecycle of the items on sale, whilst also cutting down on the production environmental cost as the products are already made. Below you can learn how to use Thriftify!

Link: https://www.thriftify.ie/

- **Step 1:** Open the Thriftify website on your device
- **Step 2:** Use the categories to browse through the options available or
- **Step 3:** Use the search bar to look for specific items
- **Step 4:** Try to find and purchase an item needed for your holiday shopping using Thriftify

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