

Is Paul the upcycler of the year?

Upcycling is a big part of modern day life and something that Edinburgh crafter, Paul Smail, takes seriously.

He made an up cycled mobile bar from things he found in his house, and entered the competition run by power tool manufacturer, Ryobi Power Tools.

Paul commented on being shortlisted as the only Scottish contestant : "Utilising an old Ikea dressing table and leftover tiles from multiple bathroom projects, my upcycling project saw me create a mobile bar for my garden. By adding some new materials as well as integrating a beer fridge and adapting the drawer unit to hold a cool box as an ice store it was the perfect addition to our summer BBQ season!"

Now the top ten entries from all over the country will go forward to a national public vote which closes on 5 April 2020. The entry with the most votes will be crowned the winner on 6 April and win a hamper of Ryobi ONE+ crafting tools worth over £750.



Thomas Leather, Marketing Manager for Ryobi UK, commented: "First we would like to thank the hundreds of entries for submitting their projects, the creativity up and down the UK has been very impressive and it's great to see so many of you turning your discarded household items into amazing projects. We would like to wish our shortlist the best of luck, we can't wait to see who is crowned the winner!"

To view the various entries [click here](#)

