

INSIDER GUIDE IAMIE OLIVER

TV chef and all-round foodie Jamie Oliver shares his expert advice on essential kitchen kit to see you through the Christmas season in style

· A pestle and mortar might seem a bit old-fashioned but it's the original kitchen gadget. It bruises, mashes and grinds, for dressings and marinades. If you like flavour, it should be the number one item on your list. · A carving knife and fork are essential. Carving is quite a particular ritual and if you do it well you'll save a lot of waste and mess.

· Make the most of your oven space and invest in two large roasting travs (for your turkey and vegetables) in the biggest size that will comfortably fit.

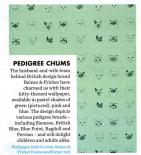
- · The U-shaped peeler always makes veggies look elegant. It's quite democratic because it allows someone unskilled to create something beautiful.
- · Make sure you have great pudding bowls. I found a 150-year-old one in an antiques market and had it re-made with a hole in the middle so puddings will cook in half the time.
- · A large wooden chopping board will last you a lifetime. You can use it for anything as long as you clean it properly, but try not to wash it in hot
- water or it will warp. · Serve drinks - from hot mulled wine to chilled prosecco
- in a beautiful glass urn. · Great olive oil is pressed in October or November. Buying a box is the cleverest and
- cheapest thing you can do. Jamie Oliver's cookware collection is available at Debenhams (debenhams.co.uk)



INDO INTERIOR

Textile designer Suki Cheema - who's created fashion prints for Diane von Furstenberg, Calvin Klein and Donna Karan - has launched a collection of vibrant printed home accessories. Featuring quilts, cushions and rugs in a monochrome and red colour palette, the 'Indonesia' range will brighten a dull corner in a flash. Cotton cushions, from £125 each (sukicheema.com).

Stop press! Danish lighting luminary Louis Poulsen has reissued the iconic 'Doo-Wop' pendant light in a new brass finish. Bringing the 1950s design up to date, it's folded from a single sheet of metal and has a modern high-gloss finish, £420, Skandium (skandium.com).





WATER WORLD

Put an end to plain and fizzy water confusion with Bib & Sola's labelled carafe sets. Each has a tumbler that sits neatly on top. £212 per set (hihandsola.com).