



INSIDER GUIDE

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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 trays (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).



PEDIGREE CHUMS

The husband-and-wife team behind British design brand Baines & Fricker have charmed us with their kitty-themed wallpaper, available in pastel shades of green (pictured), pink and blue. The design depicts various pedigree breeds - including Siamese, British Blue, Blue Point, Ragdoll and Persian - and will delight children and adults alike.

Wallpaper, £120 for 10m, Baines & Fricker (businessandfricker.net)



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 (bibandsola.com).

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