

1 You Can Dish It

These earthenware plates from designer and architect Vincent Van Duysen are beautiful, but also practical. The wood lid is helpful for keeping food fresh, and it can also serve as a trivet, charger, or serving board. \$215 to \$282; suiteny.com; 212-421-3300.

2 Strain Power

These sturdy, dishwasher-safe stainlesssteel fine-mesh strainers from Kuhn Rikon are available in sizes from 3 to 9 inches. They're sturdy, well-made tools, and the little ones are especially handy for straining sauces into jars or serving vessels. \$10 to \$35; kuhnrikonshop .com: 855-840-3724.

3 Tea, Cozy

Just looking at this large, gold-dipped tea mug is enough to make us want to curl up with a book and a cuppa. The lid keeps the tea hot while it's steeping, and then doubles as a coaster for the included strainer. Perfect gifting-for yourself or someone else. \$23; davidstea.com; 855-702-3006.

4 Let Us Tray

The geometric design of AHeirlooms' trays is decorative enough for serving hors d'ouevres at a party, but streamlined enough for everyday use, like breakfast in bed. You can order them engraved for personalized gift-giving. \$60; aheirloom.com.

5 Pan-O-Rama

This covered roaster can handle our holiday roasts and sides. The lid doubles as a gratin dish, and the rack can be hung from the edges of the pan to cook potatoes underneath. \$199.99; chefscatalog.com; 800-338-3232.

