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Great Finds

Our latest buys for the kitchen and table. BY MELISSA DENCHAK

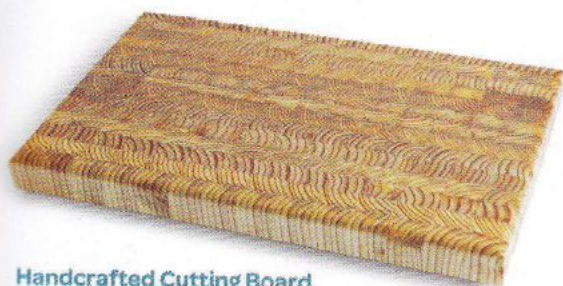
Tropical Vinegar

This unusual banana vinegar from Veracruz, Mexico, is tart, with a delicate sweetness, subtle caramel notes, and a nuanced banana flavor. Use it in salad dressings or salsas, stir it into pan sauces or glazes, or drizzle it over fruit or ice cream. **12.3-oz. bottle for \$15.95; ranchogordo.com; 707-259-1935.**



Contemporary Composter

Many countertop scrap bins look like mini trash cans, but the 3-quart EcoCrock is a more stylish container for collecting compostable food waste. It's made of sleek white ceramic with an easy-to-clean, removable inner bucket and a filter on its lid that keeps odors from escaping. **\$39.99; surlatable.com, 800-243-0852.**



Handcrafted Cutting Board

Made from larch, a durable, antimicrobial wood that was once used for boat building, this cutting board will last a lifetime. It's lighter than it looks, with a scratch-resistant end-grain design that's kind on knives, and soft rubber feet that make it nonslip. **Small original cutting board (11x17 1/4 inches), \$160; larchwoodcanada.com; 866-735-2949.**



Top-Notch Tap Water

This vintage-looking, BPA-free bottle makes tap water taste better. Inspired by a 17th century Japanese method of purifying water, it has a stick of active charcoal inside that adds minerals and reduces chlorine so water has a cleaner flavor. The replaceable charcoal filter lasts for six months. **\$20; blackblum.com; 877-360-9222.**



Leakproof Springforms

A new take on the springform cake pan, the PushPan from Kuhn Rikon is uniquely designed to prevent leaks. Surrounded by a silicone gasket, the base slides down into the pan to form a snug, waterproof seal. It's the perfect option for any cake that needs to bake in a waterbath. **8-, 9-, and 10-inch sizes from \$24.95; surlatable.com; 800-243-0852.**



Cool Cooler

The gel-lined PackIt Social Cooler folds into a compact shape for storage in the freezer until you're beach- or picnic-ready. Large enough to hold a four-person lunch or a few bottles of wine, it'll keep things cool without additional ice packs for up to 10 hours. **\$27.99; packitcool.com; 805-496-2999.**

Jersey Ketchup

Known for its great Jersey tomatoes, the Garden State now boasts ketchup, too. Made in small batches with vine-ripened tomatoes from New Jersey farms, First Field's ketchup is bright and fresh with a rich, savory-sweet tomato flavor and a touch of spice. **Three 8-oz. jars for \$29; first-field.com.**

