

feasting

Service with a smile.
Trays, £20 each,
daisypark.co.uk



Above and below.
Tiered serving stand,
£34.99, kitchencraft.co.uk



Super furry
animal. Badger
platter, £75,
redcandy.co.uk



Stylish stoneware.
Dishes, from £13.50,
hudsonhome.co.uk

Loving nibbles.
Hearts serving
set, £37.95,
annabeljames.co.uk



How much
would you like?
Bamboo handle
serving set, £65,
rebeccaudall.com



To us! Ripple
wine glasses,
£35 for a set of
two, nest.co.uk



Platter du jour.
Extra large serving
dish, £130,
thegreyworks.com

Drink vintage.
Set of four
glasses, £12,
habitat.co.uk



Get on board

From dips, crudites and antipasti dishes to cheese and charcuterie boards, sunny Mediterranean tapas or marvellous mezze, there are no rules when it comes to creating a feast for sharing. Just gather a variety of plates, bowls, chopping boards, serving platters and plenty of cutlery for your favourite fare and you're all set.

Visit your local charity shop or eBay to find interesting vintage pieces, brightly coloured napkins or placemats, trays and serving dishes. Mix it up and get creative – the table is your canvas!



Express yourself. Boundless flavoured nuts and seeds, £1, weareboundless.co.uk; El Bandarra Al Fresco aperitif, £20.95 and Cut to the Spice spiced rum, £23.82, both masterofmalt.com; Divine organic chocolate, £2.99, ocado.com; Henry Westons Vintage Rosé cider, £2.10, tesco.com; Katie's Food Co banana crisps, £1.49, amazon.co.uk; My Sweet Chickpea chocolate-covered chickpeas, £1.25, asda.com



Blogger spotlight



Food blogger Lou Clark admits that she's not the perfect chef, but she loves cooking for family and friends. Her focus is fun, which she believes cooking is all about, gathering the troops, kitchen music blaring, lots of laughter and sharing great food.

Her blog, louskitchen corner.freybors.com, is the ideal place for those who love to cook without too much fuss, and care about quality produce and delicious food. You can also find Lou on Instagram at @louskitchencorner

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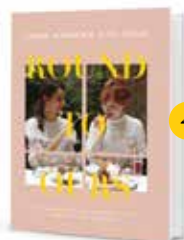
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1 **A Table For Friends** by Skye McAlpine (Bloomsbury, £26) 2 **Let's Do Dinner** by James Ramsden (Pavilion Books, £12.99) 3 **Smörgåsbord** by Peter's Yard and Signe Johansen (Kyle Books, £18.99) 4 **Round To Ours** by Alice Levine and Laura Jackson (Quadrille, £16.99)

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