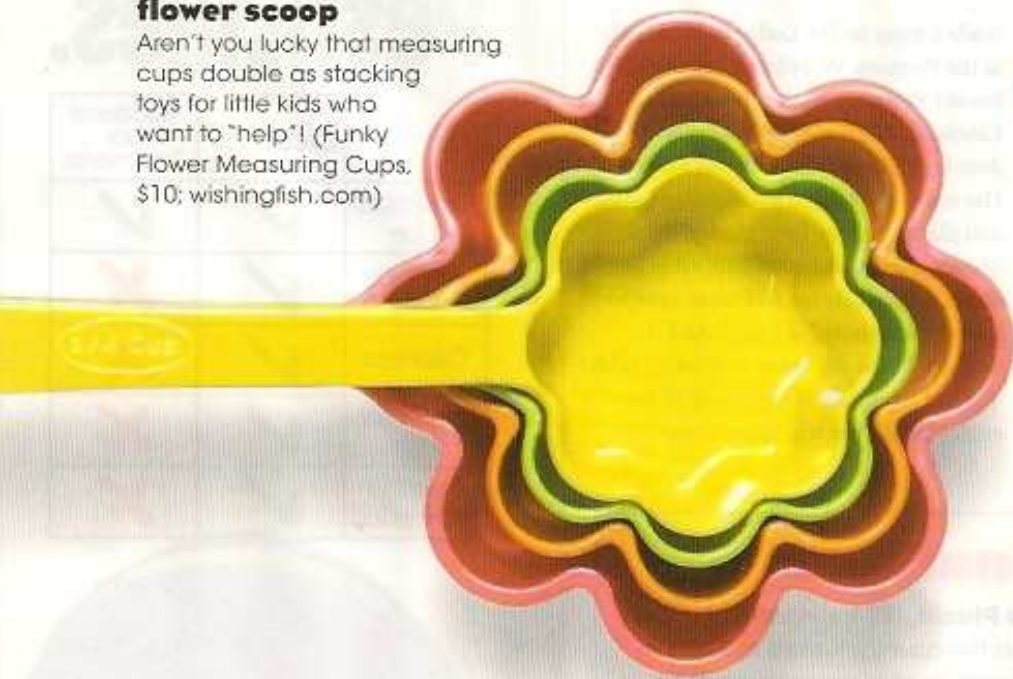


flower scoop

Aren't you lucky that measuring cups double as stacking toys for little kids who want to "help"? (Funky Flower Measuring Cups, \$10; wishingfish.com)



sturdy table settings

Put kids to work! (Melamine Folk Dinner Plate Set, \$36, elsewares.com; Zak Designs Double Injection plastic tumblers, \$3.99 for 14-ounce, \$4.50 for 19-ounce, laprimashops.com)

kitchen staff

These will keep any kid busy in the kitchen, even if yours just uses them to play dolls. (Head Chef Kids' Cooking Tools, \$10 each; surlatable.com)



the one-handed prep chef

A bowl with a nonskid bottom lets you keep an arm free to hold a baby or sign a permission slip. (Architec Preps Mixing Bowl Set, \$30; foodnetworkstore.com)

