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All-in-one party station

Rather polish your tools than your silverware? Then check out this fir potting bench-turned-entertaining center. Made from an off-duty piece of gardening furniture (\$189; gardeners.com) and stocked with practical servingware that boasts a playful DIY twist, it makes a natural gather-round spot for your next get-together. —DANIELLE BLUNDELL

1 Nonbreakable tumblers

Keep track of who's drinking what with Zak Designs' brightly hued melamine glasses that won't break—no matter how rowdy the action gets. \$25 for six; amazon.com

2 All-weather music player

Thanks to a splash-proof rubber case, this iPod-compatible clock radio delivers hi-fi sound, rain or shine. \$200; tivoliaudio.com

3 Ice-cream keeper

Prevent your favorite pint from melting to mush by bringing it outdoors in an insulated melamine tub that features a lid with a freezable gel pack. \$14; momastore.org

4 Repurposed-tile cheese board

Transform a leftover slate roof or floor tile into a rustic server: Clean the surface with warm soapy water; rinse and let dry. Before serving, use chalk to label each cheese. Then add a set of wood-handled stainless-steel cheese knives for cutting everything from Monterey Jack to Muenster. \$43 for a set of five; surlatable.com

5 Plastic cake saw

Show off sharp carving skills with this 11-inch-long replica of a serrated handsaw, designed for use on baked goods. \$9; fredflare.com

6 Toolbox-style flatware holder

Keep napkins and utensils at your fingertips in a metal caddy covered with a woodgrain-backed print of the very items it contains. \$42; themacbethcollection.com

7 Hardware bottle stoppers

Crafted from porcelain faucet handles and vintage doorknobs, these plugs make sealing a bottle almost as exciting as popping the cork. From \$22; knobstoppers.com

8 Blueprint platter

This 12-by-16-inch porcelain plate, adorned with a detailed floor plan, lets the house-obsessed serve in style. \$33; fishseddy.com

