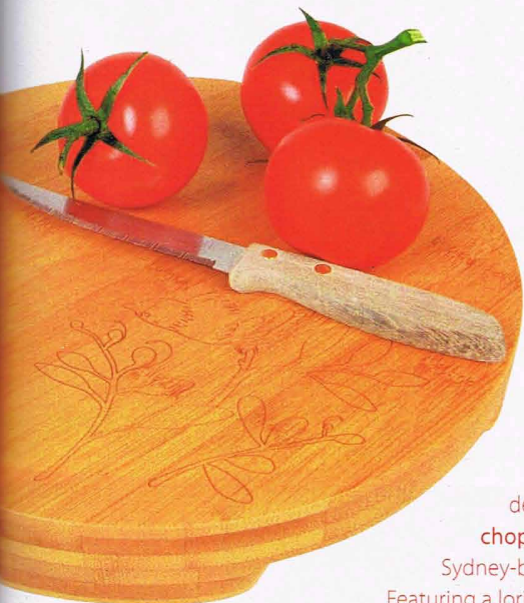




Bowled over

These telewire plates (\$65) and beautiful bowl (\$120) from online homewares store **Ikhaya** are eco-friendly and ethical pieces that make truly unique fruit bowls. Made from recycled telephone wiring in a subsistence farming area of Africa, the fair trade bowl-making project has helped provide skills and employment for more than 400 people – helping people to support their families and provide education to their children, while also funding a local community crèche. Good karma and a place for your bananas all in one! www.ikhaya.com.au



Chop chop

Fast growing and incredibly hardy, bamboo is wonderfully sustainable. Make the most of it in the kitchen with this beautifully designed and etched **bamboo chopping board** (\$79.95) from Sydney-based design house **Dandi**. Featuring a lorikeet perched among native flora, the board doubles as an elegant serving platter. Eco-chic and practical – we love it! www.dandi.com.au



Piping hot

Never mind whether your cooking skills are up to par – you can at least be the most stylishly sustainable chef around with happy kitchen coordinates from **SunnyLife**. Made from 100 per cent organic cotton and cheerfully patterned with organic dyes, we reckon this **apron** (\$29.95), which also has matching oven mitts and a pot holder available, is great for adding a little pizzazz to your kitchen capers. The range is available in Multi Stripe and Blue Circle designs, and the company also produces a range of sophisticated organic napery. www.sunnylife.com.au

Table trash

Trash Bags have a knack for turning unwanted rubbish into sought-after wares. A great talking point, this set of four **placemats and matching coasters** (\$45) from the Paper Trail range is creatively woven from recycled phone books and newspapers, and is hardy enough to withstand minor spills and splashes. Made according to fair trade principles by a cooperative in the Philippines, the set is as eco-friendly as it is ethical. For a completely washable and spill-proof alternative check out the Rejuiced set, made from brightly coloured recycled juice pouches. www.trashbags.com.au

