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# Summer Must Haves



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## Cooking with Herbs

Many of us living in condos sometimes wish we had a little garden to plant our favourite cooking herbs. From basil, to thyme, to mint you can now have it all growing on the comfort of your kitchen counter with the 'Power Plant Professional'. This ingenious device using NASA technology allows you to grow your herbs with ease.

**Available at [prepara.com](http://prepara.com).**

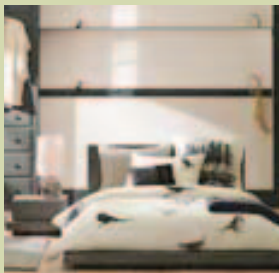
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e all love summer time. It is that one phase of year that blossoms with smiles, socializing, entertaining and enjoying the beauty of life.

Some of the hot trends this Summer are inspired by nature, exotic cultures, casual entertaining, and simple essentials. There are numerous unique products hitting the market this summer that are fresh, innovative and pleasing to the eye that will make you say, "I must have these."

### It's all about the birds and the bees

With the seasons changing, the birds and the bees are back in action chirping at your window sills. This inspiration has been introduced into the household



and is now hotter than ever. Patterns of the friendly winged animal are appearing on everything from bed sheets, wallpaper to art-work. Our new-found fascination with nature and bringing the outdoor elements back into our lives is allowing us all to appreciate the importance of the environment and the prevention of its deterioration. Look out for some of these fresh patterns to create an eco-chic experience. Available at [westelm.com](http://westelm.com).



### The Botanicals

Inspired by nature and the beauty of the outdoors, plates, napkins and glasses are a great way to show off your love for flora and fauna. Whether you will be serving on them, or using them as staple decorations on tabletops or countertops, these pretty and striking renditions are sure to grab one's attention. [sinmirinc.com](http://sinmirinc.com).





### Shadowing candleholders

Whether you are sitting out on your terrace on a warm summer night or cuddling indoors, you will be sure to love the shadow created by your candleholders and lanterns. From nature inspired to exotic, these candle holders will cast calming and creative shapes on all your surroundings.  
**hammerink.com.**



### Summer Showers

For those bursts of summer thunderstorms, always be sure to have a selection of umbrellas handy next to your door. It is very common in Europe to find umbrella holders at the foot of the door. Moreover, with a number of fun umbrella racks on the market, it is a great way to spruce up your boring entryway with a fun and functional object. In keeping with the nature and bird inspired theme, check out the owl umbrella holder. You will also evoke a memorable statement with the Roman foot umbrella stand or the classic can by Fornasetti, famous for his consistent whimsy and wit.

**Available at palazzetti.com. Owl available at burkdecor.com**