

**1.** "Patterned melamine plates are a must for me, and Bongenre's are the best. I've been hoarding them for years and have every possible color combination, size, and shape in my favorite patterns."

JUDI ROUMAN

Winchester Mandala Dinner Plate in Desert Yellow, \$50 for four. [bongenre.com](#).

**2.** "I love the beverage dispenser by Roost. It makes a simple yet sculptural statement."

KRISTE MICHELINI

Bubbled Beverage Dispenser, \$299. [anthropologie.com](#).

**3.** "You don't want to find yourself sitting in the dark. Whether vintage blown glass or simple modern cylinders, hurricanes give candles more presence."

TOM DELAYAN

Modern Small Hurricane in Silver, \$150. [ralphlaurenhome.com](#).

**4.** "Have plenty of raffia place mats and colorful cotton napkins."

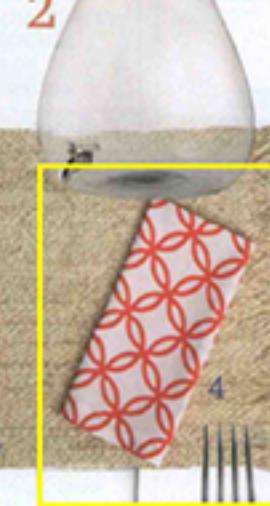
ALESSANDRA BRANCA

Raffia Plastic Mat, \$38 for four. [serenaandlily.com](#). Deco Circle Napkin, \$34 for four. [cotoncolors.com](#).

**5.** "Sitting on a hard bench causes fatty fatigue, and hugging cushions is a pain, so you need a good outdoor fabric. Keep it simple—you don't want to compete with nature. My favorite color is Perennials' Eeagog, a beautiful pale aqua that works with everything, especially green."

MILES REDD

Polyester Acrylic in 600-09, to the trade. [perennialsfabrics.com](#).



**6.** "Nothing says 'summer' more than cocktails on the terrace—or by the pool, on the porch, at the beach, on the lawn. And there's no greater buzzkill than cheap faux crystal in tacky colors. Citi's beautifully designed acrylic vessels are thin, sleek, and chic. But only hand-wash them, to preserve their fabulosity."

ELAINE GRIFFIN

Acrylic Barware, from \$3 each. [cb2.com](#).

**7.** "Bamboo is a classic motif, but don't overdo it: A single element, like flatware, is all you need."

BETSY BURNHAM

Classic Bamboo Flatware, \$155 for five-piece setting. [juliska.com](#).

**8.** "For shade, the Del Mar daybed from Restoration Hardware has had a place on my deck for years, and it's a major seductress. Piled with John Robshaw pillows, it's a real oasis."

SARAH VIEGE GORDON

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