



## what a scorcher!

A decadent blend of creamy Dutched chocolate and fiery Queensland-grown Red Devil chilli, Seatonfire Drinking Fondue packs a seriously spicy punch. Add seven (yes, you read right) heaped teaspoons to a cup of steaming milk in a saucepan and whisk away for a tongue-tingling, toe-warming winter treat. Although not for the faint-hearted, this chocolate treat is gluten- and sugar-free! Seatonfire Drinking Fondue, \$11.99; visit [seatonfire.com](http://seatonfire.com) for stockists.

### HB bookclub

**JAMIE DOES...** (Penguin, \$60)

Join Jamie Oliver on an incredible culinary road trip as he eats his way through Spain, Morocco, Sweden, Greece, Italy and France, and discovers the delights of hot paella, chocolatey French treats and the "best chorizo and tomato salad in the world." Jamie's personable prose and the exquisite photography is guaranteed to inspire gastronomic success!



### a lovely bunch of coconuts

Kudos to the eco-ethical designers at Bambu, who have taken the cracked shells of empty coconuts and transformed them into tactile tableware. Coated with natural food-safe lacquer derived from cashew nut trees and painted in sunny shades of basil, spearmint, mango and cayenne, these glossy beauties get the green tick for being 100 per cent renewable! Bambu 'Coconut' bowls, \$25 each, Vincent & Vincent, call (03) 9585 0130 or visit [vincent2.com.au](http://vincent2.com.au) for details.



### Top 3 tea cosies

Keep your teapot snug-as-a-bug this winter with a patterned tea cosy – the more kitsch, the better!

**1** Maxine Sutton's '**Bella**' handprinted cosies are crafted from organic cotton and padded with super-soft wadding recycled from plastic drink bottles. \$30 (£18), [maxinesutton.com](http://maxinesutton.com).



**2** Hand-knitted by Peruvian crafters, the '**Robbie the Owl**' cosy is made from extra-thick cotton to protect your freshly brewed pot from chilly mornings. \$69.95, [tika.com.au](http://tika.com.au).



**3** If you're not sold on bold, we love the organic, nature-inspired '**Nests**' cosies made from an eco-friendly blend of linen, hemp and water-based inks. \$39.50 (US\$38), [etsy.com/shop/laurabucci](http://etsy.com/shop/laurabucci).



### soups for the soul

Maggie Beer, the doyenne of all things delectable, has added a gourmet range of hearty soups to her repertoire. Infused with a tantalising mix of fresh seasonal produce and rich flavours, there are four smooth and creamy combinations to choose from. Pumpkin & Verjuice with Mascarpone defines moreish! It's the perfect antidote to the winter blues. Maggie Beer soups, \$7.49 each, [maggiebeer.com.au](http://maggiebeer.com.au). 