



**From top: Tanti Design dining table with cherry top and ash legs, £1,650, and matching bench, £495. Tiipoi copper mixing bowl (comes with lid), £95**



## *Materially minded*

Sustainability, which matters to all sorts of designers these days, is the driving force behind two new companies. Tanti Design is a Leicester-based brand that fashions beautifully simple furniture from sustainable English timber. There's an austere elegant dining table (example pictured left, £1,650), bench (example pictured left, £495) and stool (from £190) made from a mix of either oak or ash and cherry wood, as well as a host of smaller items that would make terrific presents. Look out for chopping boards (small, £47; medium, £59; large, £74) in English ash with inset oak rings (each comes with a separate beech dipping pot); a salad or fruit bowl (small, £85; large, £110) in plain or charred oak; and a beautiful pair of salad servers (£46) that come in a charred oak box.

Meanwhile, Tiipoi (which comes from the word *tiinpai*, the three-legged stool used to serve tea during the days of the Raj) is a range of everyday tableware and interior products inspired by things usually found in Indian homes. Launched by London-based Spandana Gopal during last year's London Design Festival, every piece is made in India using traditional manufacturing methods and materials. There are sets of pure copper and brass Chakra trivets (£45) and copper and brass Sama (Sanskrit for circle) trays (from £50), for example, although the nicest in my view are the pure copper Loha mixing bowls with lids (£95, pictured left).

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