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## **BETTER BASICS**

## 1. BRUSHES WITH GREATNESS

Get dishes squeaky-clean and make quick work of hard-to-scrub items, like reusable straws and water bottles, with Bürstenhaus Redecker and Crate & Barrel tools. They're eco-friendly and crafted from natural materials. From \$5 each, surlatable.com; crateandbarrel.com.

- 2. A PADDED PERCH Cooking and cleanup duty feel much easier on your feet when you stand on a cushy, stain-resistant GelPro mat. From \$50, gelpro.com.
- 3. WONDER WIPES You'll go through fewer paper towels with **Libman Wonderfiber cloths** on hand. The moisture-wicking fabric grabs crumbs, swipes up smears, and keeps surfaces shiny. \$4.75 for 2, walmart.com.
- 4. THE RIGHT RACK Proof that there's always room for innovation: The sleek Yamazaki Tosca dish rack fits neatly over a sink or on a counter in its tray. \$70, crateandbarrel.com.
- 5. STELLAR SCRUBBERS Durable copper Bürstenhaus Redecker pot **cleaners** gently remove tough food without chemicals. (They're safe for everything but nonstick cookware.) From \$10 each, lehmans.com.
- 6. AN INFINITE LOOP The continuous Ancient Industries towel and roller are always at the ready and look neat and even, like a well-behaved tea towel. \$20 and \$45, ancientindustries.com.
- 7. COMPACT COMPOSTER Its walnut shell, removable insert, and tight-fitting stainless steel lid make the Alabama Sawyer Petite Noaway compost bin perfect for a countertop. \$145, alasaw.com.



## **HARDWORKING HELPERS**

- 8. A RESILIENT RUG The bold Mediterranean print and practical vinyl surface of a Beija Flor mat bring style into the spill zone. From \$82, beijaflorworld.com.
- 9. THE MODERN BREAD BOX Stash a few loaves in a Monika Lubkowska-Jonas bin, then flip the lid for an instant cutting board with crumb-catching grooves. \$125, store.moma.org.
- 10. A LEAVE-IT-OUT LADDER Don't put this baby in the corner—or the closet. The Lucano three-step stool (shown in Mint Green) is pretty enough to hang on a wall. \$149, wayfair.com.
- 11. THE FRESH-PICK PROTECTOR A removable, machine-washable bamboo liner in this Windy Willow Farm bag keeps produce crisper longer. From \$23, windy willowfarm.net.
- 12. A BETTER BUCKET The elongated shape of the Casabella four-gallon bucket allows for effortless dunking and fits like a Tetris piece under your sink. \$10, casabella.com.
- 13. A MAGNETIC MOP The vibrant, shaggy wool fibers on a **Sladust** Big Wooly mop aren't just for looks; the lanolin they contain is naturally talented at attracting and grabbing debris. \$35, sla-dust.com.
- 14. THE CRANNY CLEANER A telescoping tip lets the small but mighty Black + Decker lithium handheld vacuum reach under the fridge and around pets' bowls. \$60, target.com.
- 15. SUSTAINABLE SPONGES Inject a little fun into daily dishwashing with playful, pop-up Sqwishful scrubbers—and when they wear out, you can compost them. \$6 for 3, sqwishful.com.