

Cheese please *London cheese emporium La Fromagerie has launched a range of specialist savoury biscuits (£3.25 a box), each created to pair perfectly with after-dinner favourites, such as Stilton and Beaufort. Plus, kicking off the new tasting evenings at its Moxon Street store on January 19 is Fondue Savoyarde, a fondue feast served with charcuterie, cornichons and crusty breads, and yummy tarte aux pommes for afters. 7pm, £50 inc wine. To book, call 020 7935 0341 or visit lafromagerie.co.uk.*



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MINI MIX

It might be dinky but this stylish five-speed electric hand-mixer makes light of any task, from whipping cream to kneading bread dough. Plus its cord winds up inside, just like a vacuum cleaner, for tangle-free storage.

'Bistro' rubber and stainless-steel electric hand-mixer. £35. Bodum (bodum.co.uk)



Cheery chopping *Hot new homeware brand All Lovely Stuff was set up by designers Carl Clerkin and Ed Ward with the idea of injecting personality into everyday household objects. This smiley-faced chopping board will brighten your worktop.*

'Happy Chopper' beech chopping board, £19.95, SCP (020 7739 1869; scp.co.uk) ▶

BEAUTIFUL BASIC

Put an end to messy pans with this smart rice cooking pot. Simply top up rice with boiling water, replace the inner and outer lids and then pop it in either the microwave or oven for super-quick, fluffy grains of perfection. Designed by ceramic supremos Queensberry Hunt, it's chic enough that you can dish up straight from the pot.

Ceramic 'The Really Good Rice Pot' by Queensberry Hunt, £30. Jamie at Home (0844 871 2010; jmecollection.com)

