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BEVY OF BEVERAGES

Quench everyone's thirst with the help of cool tools for outdoor entertaining. Pick up a gift for the host of your favorite summer soiree—or some pretty reusable party favors (glass straws!) for your own guests. **BY KATIE DOHMAN**



SWEET SIPPERS

Dress up summer drinks with these HeartStraws borosilicate glass straws (think durable Pyrex) perfect for your frozen margaritas, smoothies and reuse. Each straw is hand-cut, bent, hand-finished with a rounded edge and annealed for strength. Available in assorted colors, lengths and widths. \$2.50-\$5 heartstraws.com

CHEERS TO STEEL

Keep your rosé cool in these lightweight insulated wine glasses made of double-walled stainless steel. The thin-rim design simulates drinking from a regular glass. They're stainless in another way, too: Skip glass sweat, rings and breakage on your outdoor patio. \$25/set of 2. snowfox.fun



SAVVY SCENE SETTER

Protect your table and create ambience at the same time with a vintage-inspired Fairfield oilcloth from the Aerin Collection. Printed cotton twill is coated with acrylic to shed spills. \$80 williams-sonoma.com



LEMON AIDE

Beloved by home cooks, the Chef'n FreshForce Citrus Juicer is easy to use and ergonomic, ensuring a perfect pitcher of lemonade or cocktail mixer every time. \$25. surlatable.com



Fancy Frog Legs

MY FAMILY HAD JUST moved from the city to small-town life in rural Howard, Kansas, in 1978. I will never forget the day the Connors invited us to their farm for Sunday dinner.

The Connors' mother, Pat, greeted me: "Just in time!" she said. "I'm getting ready to fry frog legs."

I stood there, barely blinking. What had I just heard?

Still in denial I gulped down everything else on my plate first. Then I picked up that frog leg, put it in my mouth and crunched.

"How ya like that frog leg, Jenni?" asked Pat.

"It tastes tangy,"

I said politely.

Somehow I finished the frog leg that day, but I never ate another.

Still, I stood a little prouder and taller at school that fall. During lunchtime on the first day, I struck up a conversation by asking, "Your mom ever fed you frog legs before?"

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