

**ROYAL MINT**

Mrs Thomas Mint Syrup is ideal with winter roasts, drizzled over vegetables, splashed in a South-East Asian flavoured salad and with fruit and ice-cream. Two bottles for \$20, at specialty food stores or through [www.greatstuff.co.nz](http://www.greatstuff.co.nz). Ph: 03-312 9290.

**JAUNTY JAMS**

Gernot's Gold delicate jams and jellies have mouth-watering flavours such as Apple Rosemary Jelly; Rhubarb Apple Basil-Mint Jelly; Sweet Orange Whisky Marmalade; and Tamarillo Chilli Brandy Jelly. Made in Hawke's Bay and sold at farmers' markets and specialty food stores. Jams \$7.50, jellies \$10.50-\$12.50. Ph: 06-835 1552.

**TAKES THE CAKE**

Pretty and practical, this ceramic Chanti cake container has a double lid, allowing for an intricate pattern on top and a tight seal below. \$39.95 from Maxwell & Williams. Ph: 09-520 1224 for stockists.

**TRUFFLED FEATHERS**

Savini truffle salt adds a touch of the extraordinary to your cooking. Use as a rub for roasting veal or beef, add to pasta, grind over potato and mozzarella pizza or spread on warm ciabatta. \$82 with grinder (refills \$42), or \$42 for a pot of finer salt. Available from A Touch of Italy, ph: 09-273 3701, [www.touchofitaly.co.nz](http://www.touchofitaly.co.nz)

**FRIENDLY RUB**

Eat well and help save New Zealand birds. Raptor Rubs' range of meat and vegetable rubs is made locally, with a percentage of the profits going to Wingspan Birds of Prey Trust to protect and rehabilitate endangered birds of prey. Ph: 09-528 1676, [www.raptorubs.co.nz](http://www.raptorubs.co.nz)

**PAPER LANTERN**

Old-fashioned paper-bag lanterns are flame-retardant and reusable. Sets of six in natural or white, \$13.95, from The Homestore, ph: 09-529 9491.

**MAT FINISH**

Tair Mercier French place mats come in white, transparent and black, with floral or geometric patterns. \$13.50 from Corso De' Fiori, ph: 09-307 9166.

**STENCIL THIS IN**

Gorgeous flowered felt table mats are a delicate stencilled addition to the table in black, white or red. \$16.90 from The Homestore, ph: 09-529 9491.

**CLEAN CUT**

Winner of UK Gift of the Year 2006. Chop2Pot chopping boards have bendable sides so you can direct everything easily into the pot without spills. \$29.90 in a range of colours from The Homestore, ph: 09-529 9491, and Urban Loft, ph: 09-377 8199.

