



ASSEMBLING THE PERFECT SPREAD

YOU CAN BUILD OUT DECADENT CHARCUTERIE & CHEESE BOARDS WITH THESE PRODUCTS

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A beautifully assembled charcuterie and cheese board is a welcome addition to any gathering. With an inviting platter piled high with savory meats, tasty cheeses and an array of salty and sweet accompaniments, there's something for everyone to savor.

Whether you're preparing for a romantic date night at home or a big celebration with friends and family, we recommend these products to help you build out an A-plus spread.

PLATTERFUL

For those who much prefer the eating part to the grocery shopping part, Platterful makes it easy with their charcuterie kits that include all of the ingredients required for a full spread. Those with special diets will also appreciate that they offer a gluten-free kit as well as a vegan kit. Big on hosting? You can sign up for a monthly subscription. tryplatterful.com

SALTY PORK BITS

Why have run-of-the-meal cured meats on your platter when you could have something like lamb salami with harissa and za'atar or spicy Italian pork salami made with Calabrian chilis, white wine, garlic and fennel seed? For artisanal salumi, Italian cured meats, delivered right to your doorstep, check out Salty Pork Bits. This hand-crafted charcuterie is available through monthly subscriptions or one-time purchases. saltyporkbits.com

TERRAPIN RIDGE FARMS PRESERVES

The right dollop of jam or jelly can take a piece of cheese to a whole new level. Terrapin Ridge Farms makes a variety of spreads that combine sweet, spicy and savory flavors in inventive ways, making for fun pairings with that bite of brie. Be adventurous and try something like their Hot Pepper Raspberry Preserves, Apple and Horseradish Jam, or Blueberry Bourbon Pecan Jam. terrarinridge.com

RUNAMOK HONEY

Runamok may be better known for their maple syrup, but they also sell delicious honey—and honey is always a thoughtful item on any board seeing as it pairs well with almost any kind of cheese you might be serving. You could go for one of their classic honeys or try one of their infused creations like the Lemon Verbena Infused Honey or Chipotle Morita Infused Hot Honey. runamokmaple.com

SPIRIT ALMOND JAPANESE STYLE DRY ROASTED ALMONDS

The best charcuterie and cheese boards feature an assortment of textures, and nuts are a great way to add a bit of crunch. But no one said the nuts have to be bland! SPIRIT Almond makes almonds with Japanese-inspired flavors, including black garlic, miso and curry, so even grabbing a handful of nuts from the spread will introduce exciting flavors to the palate. spiritalmond.com



WINE CHIPS

For many, the perfect beverage to go with charcuterie and cheese is a glass of wine. If that's what you'll be having, consider putting some Wine Chips on your board. With flavors like Smoked Gouda, Blue Cheese and Manchego, these potato chips are specifically designed to pair with wine. Once you try them, you may find it's hard to stop yourself from coming back for another and another and another... winechips.com