

Collecting



MAKE A SPLASH

Like the crackle of a campfire or a symphony of cicadas, old-school enamelware conjures vivid summer memories. Each punchy yet practical piece has a shatterproof tin base and a durable coating awash in graphic patterns and playful colors, created by mixing minerals into porcelain. Early-19th-century items were often plain, but bright speckled ones caught on when Japanese companies started making them in the 1950s. You can find all kinds of plates, platters, and mugs online for under \$100; just type “vintage splatterware” into your search to bypass quicker-to-dent modern replicas. Score a few finds (a stack weighs less than a thermos, and they’re oven- and dishwasher-safe), and your table will be set for the season.

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