



Compact French country workcentre by Catskill Craftsmen in oiled American hardwood (76.75cmW x 51.25cmD x 92cmH), £656, County Trolleys (01625 618130; countytrolleys.co.uk) ☒.



Solid birch butcher's block in a dark or natural wood finish (48cmW x 48cmD x 88cmH) with two slatted shelves and a towel rail, from £295, The Conran Shop (0844 848 4000; conranshop.co.uk) ☒.



Suffolk chopping block handmade from sustainable wood (80cmW x 50cmD x 89cmH). The base can be painted in a choice of 20 colours, from £650, Neptune (01793 881144; neptune.co.uk) ☒.



Open oak island cabinet with hand-crafted gun-barrel legs and end-grain oak butcher's block and granite worktops. Made bespoke to order, from £2,200 (01608 641858; cotteswood.co.uk).

Keeping it clean

- Wooden cutting surfaces – usually hardwoods such as oak, beech or maple – although durable can easily be damaged by water and stains.
- Wash the wooden surface after use with warm, soapy water, then dry thoroughly so that the wood doesn't absorb any excess moisture.
- For a more thorough cleanse, add a little white vinegar to the water. To remove odours, rub the surface of the board with half a lemon.
- Apply a food-safe mineral oil (not a vegetable oil, which will turn rancid), from time to time. This will help preserve the wood, prevent cracks from forming and increase stain resistance.



Double-drawer worktable available in 16 colours with choice of worktops including oiled maple, shown (120cmW x 65cmD x 91cmH), £1,330, John Lewis of Hungerford (0700 278 4726; john-lewis.co.uk) ☒.



Fenchurch butcher's block in solid oak, available in a painted finish in two shades of grey (70cmW x 52cmD x 87.5cmH), £499, Marks & Spencer (0845 302 1234; marksandspencer.com) ☒.



Kemble butcher's trolley with end-grain rubberwood top, racks for wine glasses and storage for 21 wine bottles (81.8cmW x 51.8cmD x 90cmH), £330, John Lewis (0845 604 9049; johnlewis.com) ☒.



Two-drawer butcher's block with hand-crafted beech end-grain top and surround, on pine stand, £599 (122cmW x 61cmD x 90cmH), Eagle Butchers Blocks (07966 586456; eaglebutchersblocks.co.uk) ☒.