

Chantal Hospodar: Knotty and nice charcuterie boards



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Serenity Stumps' cheese and charcuterie boards are made of black walnut, cherry, elm and maple. [SERENITY STUMPS](#)

Sanded to perfection and boasting rich grain patterns and unique edges, Chantal Hospodar's handcrafted boards are guaranteed to be the centre of attention at any festive gathering.

The founder of Serenity Stumps and Cutting Boards, who sources her wood from Ontario farms and from her family's 55-hectare tree farm in Perth, turns felled trees into eco-chic stump side tables, cheese trays and charcuterie boards.

“I’m proud to sell a Canadian-made product and hope people realize the importance of buying local,” says the interior designer, who recently opened a studio and warehouse on Carp Road.



Hospodar’s charcuterie boards are sealed with natural mineral oil and a homemade beeswax sealant, which she sells and says is safe enough to use as a lip balm. Prices for her one-of-a-kind charcuterie boards, which come in a variety of lengths and thickness, range from \$35 to \$250.



“I use walnut, cherry and maple in my boards. We don’t use any stains or dyes.”

Hospodar offers a wide range of gift ideas on her website, serenitystumps.com, including live-edge furniture, memory board games and cottage signs, and she does custom work such as etching quotes, corporate logos and initials onto her wooden boards for weddings and other special occasions.