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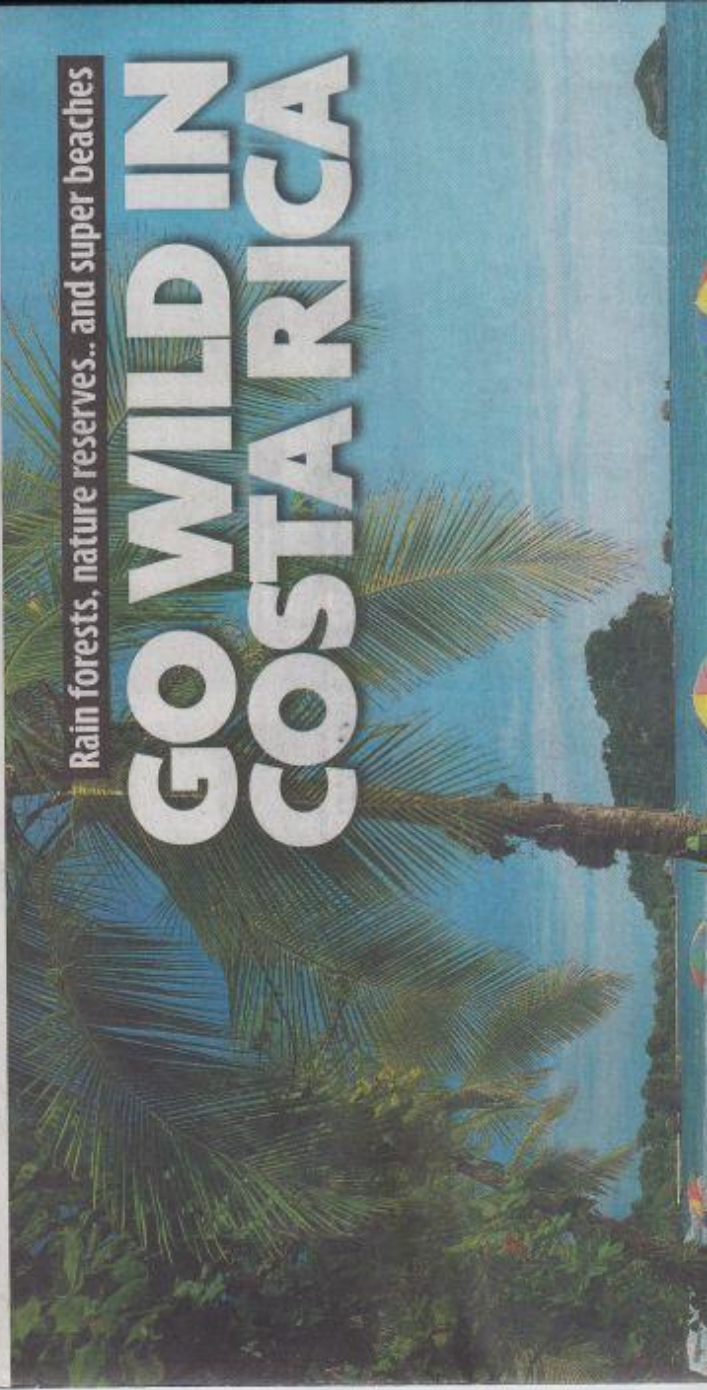
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# GO WILD IN COSTA RICA



## poachers

... gets set for the Easter holiday and these poachers

**Egg Poachers, £4.85 for two.** [www.eric.com](http://www.eric.com), 0845 604 9049] of flexible silicone, these eggshell-shaped poachers sit on the perfect round poached lid of a pan of boiling water in just four minutes. For best results, lightly coat the poachers with oil and the eggs will simply slip out once done.

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**Steel Egg Poacher Pan, £12.** [www.eric.com](http://www.eric.com), 0845 604 9049] Ideal for families, this poached pan will speedily poach your eggs at once. However, a smack to their pods and a little spongy in



**Non-Stick Egg Poacher, £4.49.** [www.eric.com](http://www.eric.com), 01539 488100] A stick, see-through micro-poacher produced two soft eggs in the time that it took to toast the bread. They are very easy to use and also to clean.



**Non-Stick Poacher, £4.50.** [www.eric.com](http://www.eric.com)] These are quite easy to place in the pan without your fingers or the eggs sticking out, but otherwise it worked fairly well. Claims to be non-stick, but really needs a light coat of oil before using.

**Poacher Cup, £2.80.** [www.eric.com](http://www.eric.com), 01539 488100] It simply hooks over the side of a boiling water. Quite slow but after around eight minutes the egg had a beautifully runny yolk. But is one egg enough?



**Double Egg Poacher, £5.95.** [www.cuckoo-direct.com](http://www.cuckoo-direct.com)] Traditional style snuggles the eggs in the setting a bit of a mess in the pan some of the white escapes. Overall results were good and produced two oval-shaped

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£23.28  
[www.bhs.co.uk](http://www.bhs.co.uk)  
0845 196 0000]



**Waterloo armchair**  
£325 [www.frenchbedroomcompany.co.uk](http://www.frenchbedroomcompany.co.uk)  
0845 644 8022]

**Designer lacquered Louis chair**  
£365 [www.juliettesinteriors.co.uk](http://www.juliettesinteriors.co.uk)  
07789 729191]

By FRANCESCA COOKNEY

# Louis style chairs TOP 10

Traditional rococo or with a modern twist, inject some French glamour into your living or dining room...



**French Louis nursing chair**  
£190 [www.juliettesinteriors.co.uk](http://www.juliettesinteriors.co.uk)  
07789 729191]

**Calligaris Deja Vu chair**  
£251 [www.isacandmacinteriors.co.uk](http://www.isacandmacinteriors.co.uk)  
01730 890100]

**Line green dining chair**  
£29.99 [www.homesense.com](http://www.homesense.com)  
01923 473000]

**Fishnet multi chair**  
£299 [www.digitec.com](http://www.digitec.com)  
0161 873 8891]

## BARGAIN OF THE WEEK

By ALISON CORK

### Bar stool

GIVE your kitchen a lift for less with a swanky bar stool from Atlantic Shopping.

Down to just £49.50 from £79.99, the Linear bar stool combines both form and function. Chic and sleek with adjustable height and 360 degree swivel functions, it's just as perfect for your own little cocktail bar as it is for a breakfast bar in the kitchen.

Available in black, red, green, brown and cream, these stools are only available whilst stocks last.



£49.50  
...£30  
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Perfect for your kitchen or bar

## LOOKALIKES

### Easter hanging decorations

THESE adorable Snooty birds hanging ornaments from [www.fabstuff.net](http://www.fabstuff.net) (01293 870037) make sweet Easter decorations. A set of three costs £10.95.

