



\$28 Banner
Festive oldcloth pennants reverse to a write-on, chalkboard-like fabric, so you can spell out PARTY TIME, literally. (chickspicksbyhillary.com)



Starting at just \$2.50, these brilliant bargains prove that the best things in life often cost very, very little.

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\$16 Bowls
This exuberant earthenware serves up sunny good cheer at a sensible price. (Set of four; conrussa.com)



\$26 Necklace
Admirers will think this scalloped filigree statement piece cost a fortune. Your secret's safe with us. (shopphreak.net)



\$24 Plate
The Mad Hatter himself would surely approve of this tea party-worthy dish, which seems to offer a glimpse straight into Alice's wonderland. (antropologie.com)



\$12.99 Picture frame
This distressed-minor number, from our Country Living collection for Kmart, is a ready-made heirloom. (4" x 6"; kmart.com)



\$24.95 Bamboo mat
Peacock, Park's Eastern-influenced accessory stands out as a feminine alternative to the furry bath mat. (2' x 5'; frenchfrak.com)



\$31.50 Cleaning set
Broken glass? Sweep those troubles away with Alice Supply Co.'s brush and matching dustpan. (delight.com)



\$8-\$10 Tumbler and goblet
Fancy cups feel much more carefree in cherry-red acrylic. (Mural Aventura; 305-931-5905)



\$48 Egg cups
Even the most hard-boiled late riser will crack a smile when breakfast is served in Pols Potten's colorful ceramic holders. (Set of six; Blue Tree; 212-369-2585)



\$15.41 Vanity stool
Yep, you read the price right. Simply Shabby Chic's vanity seat costs less than many lipsticks. (amazon.com)



\$35 each Dollhouses
Children's toys rarely have so much adult charm—further proof that anything can happen with a cardboard box and a bit of imagination. (tusetshop.com)