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SPADE WORK Take one porcelain plate and the handle from a shovel, and hey presto – a serving platter is born. Not everyone thinks as laterally as Andreas Fabian, the British-based German designer responsible for the Hemding platter cum fruit bowl. The delightful creation is one of Thorsten van Elten's latest pieces – he spotted it at the Milan Furniture Fair last year and decided to help Fabian produce the piece. It's now available to buy and there are three options: Hemding with a new ash handle costs £125; with a vintage handle, £109; or you can supply your own handle and pay £95 to have Fabian transform it into your very own Hemding. The plate is 46cm (020-7739 7237; thorstenvanelten.com).

Styling by Rachel Jones. Photograph by Simon Bevan

