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Alfresco bar cart from Crate and Barrel, \$499.

The secret to successful entertaining is maximum preparation and minimum rushing about.

But even when you're not entertaining and have curled up on the sofa for the evening, it's great to have everything at hand.

These carts make it easy to have what you need, where you need it.

All terrain vehicle: This Alfresco bar cart from Crate and Barrel will take you anywhere.

Sturdy, with faux wood and aluminium construction, it's built to withstand the elements and the bumpiest of backyards. Find it for \$499 at [CrateandBarrel.ca](http://www.crateandbarrel.ca) (<http://www.crateandbarrel.ca/>).



IKEA's Grundtal kitchen cart, \$149.

Small and sleek: The Grundtal kitchen cart offers slick style worthy of a commercial kitchen. Stainless steel and compact (it's just 54 centimetres wide), it has four wheels for easy moving. Plenty of bottle space means you won't run dry. It's \$149 at IKEA, 2685 Iris St.



Mason cart at Zone, \$595.

Double duty: Technically, the Mason cart can be used as a rolling shelf if you need to move books around your library. But it will be far more fun to use it as a bar. The metal cables were added just to prevent bottles from rolling off. Made from solid elm and metal, it's got the look of longevity and is \$595 at Zone, 471 Sussex Dr.



Polished nickel and mirror trolley from West Elm, \$479.

Cocktails are served: There's no getting away from the Art Deco-inspired glamour of this trolley. Park it by the pool to glitter in the sun, put on a pair of shades and start serving those martini cocktails. When you're done, roll this polished nickel and mirror beauty back inside where it would be perfect as extra shelving in a classic white marble bathroom. It's \$479 at [West Elm \(http://www.westelm.com/\)](http://www.westelm.com/), or through their Toronto or Montreal stores.



Solid teak cart with brass accents, \$229 at Urban Barn.

Island rum: Made from solid teak with brass accents, this handsome bar cart will bring the islands to your garden. It's lightweight and easy to move about, but solid enough to support several bottles and lots of glassware. It's \$229 at Urban Barn, 22 York St.



Capri bar, \$1,499 at Mobilia.

Modern à la mode: All sleek lines and contemporary glass, white leather and chrome, this rolling drinks cabinet conjures trendy beach-side bars in the South of France. It's called the Capri bar, and hides nine bottles as well as plenty of storage space on glass shelves inside. It's \$1,499 at Mobilia, 1872 Merivale Rd.



Rustic iron cart paired with wide-plank wood shelves, \$749 at restorationhardware.com.

Industrial chic: If you live in a loft with a hint of industrial history, this is the one for you. A cross between a shopping trolley and a factory cart, the rustic iron is paired with wide-plank wood shelves and blessed with rails to prevent your bottles from rolling off. Find it for \$749 at [restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com/) (<http://www.restorationhardware.com/>).

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