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Are you still brown-bagging it? If so, it may be time for a change. Lunch has evolved beyond the sandwich, and lunch containers have kept pace. They keep your salad crisp, your dressing separate, your drink cold and soup hot, and your taco intact.

JoAnne Anderson, marketing manager for Pacific Marketing International — the parent company of Aladdin, the lunch box manufacturer, and Stanley, the thermos maker — says research indicates more people than ever are bringing their lunch to school and work, for economic, nutritional, and environmental reasons. What they bring that lunch in now includes reusable sandwich wraps that wipe clean, bowls outfitted with yogurt-holding ice packs, and containers with serious style.



Zojirushi's Classic Bento Stainless Steel Lunch Jar set comes with microwaveable containers and its own carrying sack, in a variety of sets and sizes. Available at www.cookware.com Between \$55 and \$70.