



Pleasant brew

The Nespresso Delonghi 'Lattissima Touch', \$649, is able to create six variations on a coffee theme – from ristretto to macchiato – at the touch of a button to satisfy the palate of even the most demanding after-dinner guest. It also has an automatic cappuccino function for perfect frothy coffee – or even just your bedtime hot milk. Using pre-measured Nespresso capsules, this machine produces consistent, cafe-standard cups at home.



LIGHT AS AIR

Kambrook's 'Air Chef', \$169.95, will "air fry," with little or no oil, a variety of foods (fresh or frozen) including chips, tasty nibbles and even risottos, teriyaki, quiches and cakes. Simply add your ingredients and set the timer.

Today's gourmet gadgets combine good looks with easy-clean

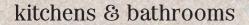
efficiency, so you'll be happy to leave them on display



Rock-steady blending

The high-powered KitchenAid 'Magnetic Drive' Blender, \$999, can crush fruit, nuts and ice, create creamy bisques and sauces, juice whole fruits and vegetables, pulse, and work from a list of one-touch, preset recipes. The pitcher locks into place at the front using magnetic drive technology – no more holding down the lid. >





THE BIG FREEZE

Cuisinart's 'Ice Cream Maker with Compressor', \$599, will have even beginners scooping out luscious gelato and ice-cream. With a commercial-quality compressorfreezer, this baby lets you prepare batches of up to 1.5L and use its "keep cool" function when entertaining. Choc-chip, anyone?



Mix it up

Smeg's 1950s-style Stand Mixer, \$799, will sit sturdily on your benchtop while making light work of big mixing jobs, with a 4.8L-capacity bowl, 800-watt motor and 10-speed control. It comes with a wire whisk, flat beater and dough hook, and optional accessories to roll and cut pasta. Its retro-inspired lines are worth showing off, too.



The Thermomix, \$2089, brings together 12 appliances in one, allowing you to mix, beat, blend, whip, weigh, steam, stir, cook, knead and more. There are thousands of recipes adapted to the Thermomix method, which you can access online or via the Recipe Chip – opt for "guided cooking" or take control and go it alone.



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These days, no cook's kitchen is complete without a smartphone and a handy app or two. Try these on for size:

Healthy Desserts by Green Kitchen (\$4.99)

Naturally sweetened treats complete with
stunning images. For iPad/iPhone.

Yummly Recipes & Shopping List (free)
Brings recipes of the world to your fingertips
and shopping trolley. For iPad/iPhone/Android.

Paprika Recipe Manager (\$6.49) Find, create and save recipes, cross off steps and time cooking. For iPad/iPhone/Android.

Meat Cuts (free) This will have you selecting and cooking beef, lamb and veal cuts like a master butcher. For iPhone/iPad/Android. hb

It's never been easier to achieve professional results

at home, with technology that was once only available to chefs