



HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

WHAT TO BUY

GIFTS FOR THE FAMILY COOK

Everybody eats, right? And some people even cook. This holiday season, think about giving a gift that gives all the year long. Think about a gift that makes cooking easy and convenient.

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▲ A movie just isn't a movie without freshly made popcorn, and the **Elite Classic Series Popcorn Maker** doesn't just bring the whole theater experience home, it puts it on a counter-top. Hear the popcorn popping and, better still, smell it. **Kroger, \$89.99 (\$42.69 with a Kroger card).**



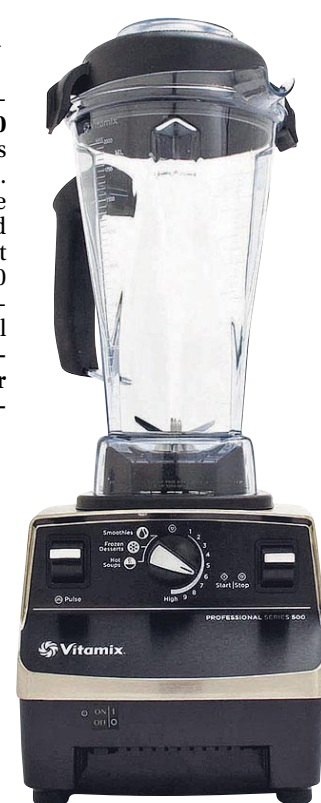
▲ The secret to a crispy crust on a pizza is to use a pizza stone, which heats the crust from the bottom. The **Blaettli Three-Piece Pizza Stone Set** includes the pizza stone, a serving rack and a rolling pizza cutter. **Target, \$15.19.**



▲ Ask any chef about his most important tool, and he will tell you it is his chef's knife. The best have a carbon steel blade, such as the **Zwilling J.A. Henckels 8-inch Chef's Knife**; **Bed, Bath & Beyond, \$139.99.**



▲ Now you can safely grill (or griddle) inside your home (or outside) with the **Cuisinart Indoor Outdoor Griddler**. It's electric, so it doesn't have harmful fumes, with a variable temperature control so you can grill or griddle with precision. **Elder-Beerman, \$129.99.**



▶ It's the king of blenders. The **Vitamix Pro 500 Blender** is pricey, but it's a must for serious cooks. It features 10 variable speeds, plus a high speed that moves the blades at a mind-blowing 37,000 rpm at **\$599.95**. Slightly less kingly, but still impressive, is the **Vitamix Pro 200 Blender** at **\$499.95**. **Williams-Sonoma.**



▲ Two pans, two different kinds of non-stick surfaces. The **Calphalon Unison Non-stick sets** include, for example, a 10-inch omelet pan with a sliding surface and a 3-quart sauté pan with a surface you can use to sear meat — it also goes into the oven. **Dillard's, \$99.99.**



▶ It's all about the color as well as the convenience. The **Cuisinart Quick Prep Hand Blender** lets you create whisper-smooth soups and purees in style. Choose from several fashionable colors, including fuchsia, dark blue, or tangerine. **Sears, \$29.99.**



▲ The cake pop craze continues to rage. With the **Bella Cake Pop and Donut Hole Maker**, you can cook the multiflavored dough balls — or the best part of the doughnut, the doughnut holes — without heating the oven. **Macy's, \$19.99.**



▲ Who doesn't love sandwiches? **Cooks Die-Cast Meat Slicer** makes it easy to slice your own home-cooked meat to just the thickness you want. **JCPenney, \$50.**



▲ All the flavor, but many fewer calories. The **Big Boss Oil-Less Fryer** makes all your favorite fried foods with just a little oil sprayed from a bottle or none at all. Heating with halogen, convection, and infrared sources. **The Andersons, \$99.99.**

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