



Flipping Birds

→ Turkey-frying devotees swear there's no better way to cook up a bird, but the flammable oil displaced by a 15-pound turkey can easily overflow onto a propane-

fueled flame; the resulting flare-ups have left numerous homes and decks in ruins. Unlike other fryers, the countertop-friendly **Master-built Butterball**

Indoor Electric Turkey Fryer (\$120) is safe enough to be used indoors. It subs out propane for a wall plug and features a sensor that prevents overheating.

BLACK & DECKER READYWRENCH CRAFTSMAN DOG BONE



Wrench Wars

→ The hand-tool market is so competitive that any good idea is bound to breed copycats. Take the new **Craftsman Dog Bone (\$20)** and **Black & Decker ReadyWrench (\$30)** socket wrenches. Both tools feature essentially the same design—a steel shaft topped at both ends by a rotating quiver of eight different sockets. The differences between the two tools are minute: The B&D has cushioned grips and clearer markings, while the Craftsman has a magnet to hold loose nuts. So how did the dueling doppelgängers make their simultaneous debut? Decker claims to have developed the tool in-house, insinuating that a rogue ex-employee or loose-lipped tool buyer spilled the beans. Craftsman acknowledges the proposal came to them from an outside toolmaker. But the truth is that neither company's idea is original—the first Dog Bone, a dead ringer for the new one, was a Craftsman tool from 40 years ago. It's a clever design. But then, as now, we would've preferred slender, ratcheting sockets.

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Surface Sounds

→ Stick the battery-powered **Kerchoonz K-Box Speaker (\$75)** to any flat surface and it uses the material's natural sound-conducting properties for amplification. The real fun is the sense

of discovery that comes from seeing what sort of sounds different materials produce. (Spoiler alert: Glass and metal sound the best, wood sounds like it's rattling, and particleboard just sounds tinny.)



Day Pass

→ 24 hours. A full day. That's how long you can shoot high-definition video with the **Canon Vixia HF S11 (\$1400)** before having to unload footage from the 64 GB of built-in flash memory—even longer if you take advantage of its SD memory-card slot. Practically speaking, most of us can take this thing on vacation without ever having to worry about running out of recording room.

