

REVIEW OF THE YEAR & 2011 PREVIEW



50 ALBUMS of the YEAR

BAND OF THE YEAR

ARCADE FIRE

Three months inside their great leap forward

ARTIST OF THE YEAR

ROBERT PLANT

"I am the wolf!"



20 HUGE ACTS RETURN!

"This should be massive!"

LIAM GALLAGHER'S

BEADY EYE

COLDPLAY

FOO FIGHTERS

R.E.M.

& More All Interviewed Inside



THE 10 NEW FACES OF 2011

Meet Clare Maguire, Mona, The Vaccines and more...

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LIVING WELL

*Cool kitchen kit and lifestyle
gadgets for the homefront*

04 TEFAL TOAST N' EGG

£39; www.tefal.co.uk

Poached eggs are a faff; do you swoosh the water anticlockwise and use white wine vinegar, or is it clockwise and calmly lowered in on a spoon? We no longer care since Tefal can do it automatically for us in just four minutes all while toasting our soldiers.



05 SODA STREAM PURE

£65; www.lakeland.co.uk

Everyone's favourite fizzy drink carbonator is back, but it's so much more sophisticated than the cola and luminous limeade memories of your youth. In brushed stainless steel it looks great on the worktop and if you enjoy mineral water you'll save a packet making your own. Sounds dodgy, but trust us, it tastes more like Perrier than Peckham Spring!



GROUP TEST: CHEF'S KNIVES



HENCKEL FOUR STAR 200MM CHEF'S KNIFE

£79; www.shop.zwilling.com/uk

Unchanged since 1985 this is one solid no-nonsense design with perfect weight and balance, perfect for everyday chop jobs.



GLOBAL G-2 COOK'S KNIFE 20CM BLADE

£100; www.globalknives.com

Instantly recognisable, the blade features 18% chromium high carbon hard stainless steel, with Molybdenum and Vanadium added for long-lasting sharpness.



TOJIRO SENKOU CHEF'S KNIFE 18CM BLADE

£162; www.tojiro.co.uk

Made from 63 layers of Damascus steel using Japanese swordsmith techniques and endorsed by liquid nitrogen lover Heston Blumenthal. Stunning but pricey.

06 ANYSHARP PRO KNIFE SHARPENER

£15; www.anysharp.com

Revitalise blunt knives in seconds with this pump-free idiot proof kitchen essential. A powerful sucker on the base holds it in place while two tiny blades positioned in a 'V' sharpen your blades from heel to tip in just a few strokes.



07 JOHN LEWIS SANDWICH MAKER GR3JLU

£49; www.johnlewis.com

Thanks to Messrs ciabatta and focaccia the cheese toastie has evolved. Embrace the new king of snacks with this stainless steel effort that has a floating hinge for doorstep slices and an angled face that means it doubles as a



08 CUISINART SOUP MAKER

£139; www.cuisinart.co.uk

It's a blender, but not as we know it – chuck in your raw ingredients, watch as the hidden hob plate browns and sweetens your vegetables, top up with stock and it'll gently simmer your soup to perfection. Wait for the alarm and let the 600W motor blitz and blend ready for serving.



09 BELLING MEDIA CHEF

£100; www.bellingmediachef.co.uk

Attain Masterchef standards in no time with this 8" full colour kitchen tablet that comes pre-loaded with 48 real-time video recipes – and Ready Steady stalwart Brian Turner with his own culinary creations. Also doubles as MP3 player and digital photo frame.

