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THE IMMERSION BLENDER

KitchenAid 2-Speed Hand Blender

When the job is too small to bring out the big guns, this handy tool purées soups, sauces and dressings right in the pan, jar or bowl. We love its cool styling and that it comes in every color imaginable (19 in total) so you can coordinate with your other appliances. **\$50, kitchenaid.com**

**Breville the Control Grip**

With 15 variable speeds, this immersion blender can handle serious tasks from blending soups to crushing ice. It has a bell-shaped base designed to prevent getting suctioned to the bottom of the pot, keeping your work surface free from splatters. **\$100, breville.com**

THE POWER BLENDER

Ninja Professional Blender

Six super-sharp blades and 1,000 watts give this 72-ounce-capacity blender plenty of power for blitzing soups, whipping up smoothies and crushing ice. The lid takes some practice, but it provides a tight seal once you master it. **\$100, ninjakitchen.com**

**Vitamix Ascent Series A2500**

If you're ready to splurge on a high-speed blender, look no further. The 1,500-watt Vitamix delivers excellent results whether it's churning out nut butters, making silky soups or obliterating chia seeds, plus technophiles will appreciate its smart base and intuitive app. **\$520, vitamix.com**

THE SINGLE-SERVE BLENDER

The Original Magic Bullet Express Blender and Mixer System

Ideal for small spaces, this single-speed personal blender with pulse control is perfect for whizzing up post-workout protein drinks or small batches of pesto. **\$40, bedbathandbeyond.com**

**NutriBullet Balance**

Crush your smoothie goals with this compact model that pairs with an app on your phone to tally macros, vitamins and calories as you add ingredients, giving you precise control over your nutrient intake. **\$150, nutribullet.com**

THE FOOD PROCESSOR

Hamilton Beach 14-Cup Big Mouth Deluxe Food Processor

Like its name suggests, this affordable processor features a generous feed tube for slicing or shredding larger items – it makes quick work of a head of cabbage and turns out heaps of sliced veggies in no time. **\$80, hamiltonbeach.com**

**Cuisinart Custom 14 Cup Food Processor**

Though it's on the high side in this comparison, this minimalist workhorse is actually in the mid range price-wise, and what it lacks in extra accessories (namely, an adjustable slicing disk), it makes up for in flawless performance. **\$199, cuisinart.com**

THE STAND MIXER

Geek Chef 2.6 qt. Mini Stand Mixer

Geek out in the kitchen with this space-saving tilt-head stand mixer. Its 550-watt motor and seven speeds deftly whip, blend and knead mixtures, and the die-cast aluminium housing gives it a solid feel. **\$160, bedbathandbeyond.com**

**SMEG Stand Mixer**

Don't let the beauty of this 50s-style mixer fool you – it boasts a powerful 600 watts that'll handle any task you throw at it, and the motor transitions seamlessly between speeds to avoid puffs when incorporating dry ingredients. **\$460, williams-sonoma.com**