

Collectors' Items for the Kitchen... and the Museum.

GOOD TASTE

Anybody with a sense of what a good kitchen should be equipped with had best banish conventional garlic presses from it right now. They simply don't guarantee to conserve the garlic's full aroma. The "Garlic Crusher", designed by Ineke Hans for Royal VKB, pulverises the garlic with a simple roll, which allows the cloves to retain and exude their full flavour. As if that were not enough, the nifty utensil also keeps its user's hands free of malodorous garlic residue. The special stainless steel can easily be rinsed, scrubbing is not required. As for the kitchen utensil's design, it's so cool the crusher even made it into the MOMA Shop.

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Design that aspires to be sold in museum shops should be something special. It's simply not sufficient for an alarm clock to be equipped with alarm, infinite snooze function, and integrated backlight, for instance. The last thing you'd expect would be a steel and glass design with silver finish. Oh, and it might help if the time were displayed in an entirely new manner, say in segments demonstrating hours, minutes and seconds which are read simply by counting the active hours and minutes. Which is just what the special edition of Jacob Jensen's "Timer Clock" looks like and how it made it into the shop of the London design museum.

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SEGMENTS OF TIME



SAFE CUTTING

With the William Levene Ltd.'s "SafetyCan", German design centre NRW managed to track down a tin-opener that is exceptionally safe to handle – there are no sharp edges left on the rim or lid of a tin opened with this here tool! No question, the "SafetyCan" marks another step on the way to making your kitchen a safer place. The ergonomic design especially of the lever maximises the efficiency of the rotation necessary for the opening of the tin. As for its design, it was considered ingenious enough to be awarded a red dot award. www.red-dot.de

GOODBYE, CRUMBS



Vacuum-cleaning small crumbs from the tablecloth has been known to make even sociable dinner guests feel somewhat ill at ease. And yet these battery-operated cleaners are handy little helpers, no doubt. Here's what to do: if you feel you absolutely need to hover the tablecloth, do so only with Alessi's ultra-elegant two-speed handheld vacuum. And dig this – not only does it look cool, it even picks up liquids with a special soft rubber nozzle! Made from stainless 18/10 steel, this little miracle was given a dynamic design as ergonomically handy as aesthetically pleasing by Stefano Giovannoni. Best place to buy: the MOMA store, for an especially stylish shopping experience. www.momastore.org