



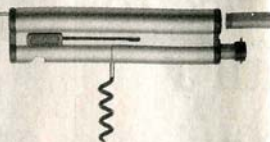
Hot Dog to Go by Max Burton cooks six frankfurters and two rolls at once.



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The baseball-shaped grill by Charcoal Companion should get the party going.



The Food Tool from Zelco is the kind of multi-functional gadget stainless-steel knife, can opener, screwdriver, bottle opener and corkscrew—that some dads just have to have.

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Add-a-wok

Weber-Stephen Charcoal Grills has accessories for its charcoal kettle grills. Made of rustproof stainless steel, the wok attachment is \$30 for an 18-inch grill or \$40 for a 22-inch grill. Found at Crate & Barrel and other home and hardware stores such as Ace Hardware.

All mirrors, but no smoke

The Sun Cook solar oven makes a fascinating gift for any ecology-minded dad. It uses mirrors to harness the sun's radiation, then reflects the heat to black solar absorbers that provide the heat for cooking. A cooking pot, a baking pan made of thin, black matte metal and a thermometer are included. The easy-to-use unit cooks enough food for four to six people. The food cooks unattended for 1-2 hours but can take longer than conventional stoves. Manufactured by Sun Companion, it costs about \$300 (recipe book included) at Hammacher Schlemmer stores.

Hot diggety dog

Hot Dog to Go by Max Burton was originally designed with scout-troop-leaders in mind. It cooks up to six frankfurters or other cooked sausages and warms two rolls at the same time, all in 10 to 15 minutes. The Burton uses a 12-volt power receptacle (a car or a cigarette lighter outlet). It also comes with a special tray for cooking up to three eggs. Manufactured by Athena, it is about \$35 at some Ace Hardware stores, or by calling 800-272-8603 or going to athenabrands.com.

For Dad, the cook

From outdoor woks to all-purpose gadgets, these gifts make cooking easier

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Sunday is Father's Day. We honor our fathers in a variety of ways: a card, a phone call, a hug or a gift no matter how small. For all those dads who are game for a new cooking gadget, we present some gift ideas that are fun, novel and sure to please.

A whatchamacallit

Think of the Food Tool from Zelco as the culinary equivalent of the Swiss Army knife. Made of lightweight aluminum and with a compact size (about 6 inches when closed), this multi-functional gadget proves handy for camping,

picnicking, kitchens, bars, patios, boats or wherever Dad prepares food. Included within each tool is a stainless-steel, laser-edge knife; a can opener; a screwdriver; an easy-to-use bottle opener; and a stainless-steel, Teflon-coated corkscrew. Another clever design addition: removable salt and pepper shakers with snap-on lids. It's \$36. It is available at The Chopping Block stores and Savvy Traveler; by mail by calling 800-431-2486; or online at zelco.com.

Go and grill

The All-Clad BBQ Tool Set provides heavy-duty, high-style equipment. Housed in an all-weather carrying case, the four-piece stainless-steel kit includes a two-prong fork, brush, lock-

ing tongs and turner. Available at major department stores or specialty stores such as Bed, Bath and Beyond, Chef's Catalog and Crate and Barrel for \$99.

Pick your sport

This eye-catching grill, available in a football or baseball shape, is ideal for sports-maven, charcoal-loyal dads, and a sure-bet conversation starter. The enamel-baked lining helps make the grill as durable and practical as it is fun to use. Made by Charcoal Companion, the football is \$45; the baseball grill is \$50 from

Broccoli: A tasty marriage