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Retro Revival

My favorite appliance is a bubblegum pink Hamilton Beach hand-held mixer. My mother received it as a wedding gift in 1955, and it matched her pink refrigerator perfectly. Sure, the cord occasionally comes unplugged, cutting out the workhorse motor while I'm trying to blend, but until I find one as pretty, I'll live with its idiosyncrasies. Fortunately, there's a new line of kitchen helpers and dinnerware with retro good looks, but updated for the 21st century. Today's manufacturers have managed to pair the old designs with modern functionality to produce new classics, so you won't have to deal with fickle gadgets, chipped china or, even worse, boring home furnishings.

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ESPRESSO YOURSELF (right): Designed by an Italian architect, the sassy shape and bright color of this simple-to-use espresso machine will open your eyes in the morning faster than an extra-hot, triple-shot latte. Available in 10 colors, including yellow, lime green, sky blue and stainless steel. FrancisFrancis! X1 espresso machine, \$499 (except stainless steel, \$699) with free shipping, at Amazon.com.

A KINDER, GENTLER TOASTER (below): Vintage toasters have one fatal flaw—they mangle beyond recognition anything wider than a slice of Wonder Bread. This



WHISTLES WHILE IT WORKS (center): Why zap your water in a one-note microwave when this Alessi kettle designed by Richard Sapper sings a song—or at least whistles the notes “mi” and “so” at a boil—from its brass spout. 1982 Sapper water kettle by Alessi, \$239, at Chartreuse International, Capitol Hill.

STILL CHEESY (below): Fondue parties are back, thanks in part to chic, updated designer sets, such as this one in cherry red enamel. Fill the pot full of Gruyère cheese flavored with chipotle chiles, or bittersweet chocolate-orange fondue,



retro-looking appliance, hand-assembled in England, has a disposition as sunny as its yellow color and will toast anything—from fat New York bagels to heat-and-go toaster pastries. Dualit four-slice toaster, \$319, Williams-Sonoma, Pacific Place.

SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED (opposite page): Put on your poodle skirt and whip up a couple of strawberry milk shakes in this classic green gadget. Modern palates seeking fewer calories will have fun making fruit or vegetable smoothies, too. Waring Drink Mixer in retro green, \$149, at Sur La Table, Pike Place Market.



and dip, dip, dip. Also available in yellow. Circulon fondue pot, \$79.99, at The Bon Marché, downtown.

WHAT A CROCK! (left): Most crock pots don't deserve a second glance, but this whimsical 4-quart slow cooker designed by Michael Graves demands a double-take. PlaySkool-like yellow knobs and blue rubberized handles put the fun back into kitchen work—not to mention the ease: Just throw everything in the pot, turn it on and go. Black & Decker slow cooker, \$34.99, at Target, Northgate. *