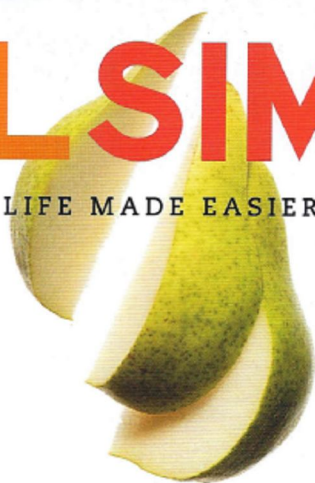


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DON'T SETTLE FOR A SO-SO GRAB-AND-GO. THESE CLEVER CONTRAPTIONS TAKE YOUR A.M. COFFEE (OR TEA) AS SERIOUSLY AS YOU DO.

7. BEST TWO-CUPPER

Copco Big Joe

At 24 ounces, it holds twice as much as some models but still fits in a standard car cup holder, thanks to the tapered base. Hand wash.

TO BUY: \$10, sears.com.



1. HOTTEST

Thermos Vacuum Insulated

With a leakproof lid and two layers of stainless steel, coffee practically got *hotter* in this mug—and stayed steamy for five hours. Heavier than others, but can't be beat for heat. Hand wash.

TO BUY: \$28, thermos.com.

6. FRESHEST BREW

Planetary Design Double Shot

A French press and mug in one, with a secret compartment to stash grounds for a second cup. Also won a 2005 *Real Simple* test. Top-rack dishwasher-safe.

TO BUY: \$30, planetarydesign.us.

2. NEATEST

Contigo Elle

Press and hold the red button to sip. When you release it, the top seals tight. Even if the mug is tipped over, nothing spills out. A great protector for clothes and car. Hand wash body; dishwasher-safe lid.

TO BUY: \$15, gocontigo.com.

5. BEST GRIP

Liquid Solution Soft Tumbler

Textured rubber creates a slip-free hold; the stainless interior means the cup won't crack even if dropped.

In four cool colors, it's an appealing option for teens. Dishwasher-safe.

TO BUY: \$16, liquid-solutions.com for stores.

4. BEST FOR TEA LOVERS

Aladdin Essential Infuser

Fill the basket in the lid with loose tea and, with a flick of the lever, it descends into the hot water. Works with tea bags and coarse ground coffee, too. Top-rack dishwasher-safe.

TO BUY: \$19, aladdin-pmi.com.

3. BEST FOR THE OFFICE

Trudeau Stargate Desk

Glazed stoneware offers the experience of a real mug. The stainless-steel lid keeps your drink hot, and a wide, substantial base resists tipping. Dishwasher-safe.

TO BUY: \$13, trudeaucorp.com for stores.