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Edited choice TOASTERS

Toast bread, warm muffins and brown bagels with ease, while adding style to the kitchen worktop, with these hot designs

TWO-SLICE

VIBRANT DESIGN HD2628/40, Philips £24.99

We say: This stylish model in a metallic Chilli Red is made from stainless steel and also comes in Vanilla Cream and Kiwi Green. It has seven settings and adjustable-width slots, which makes it suitable for chunkier items, such as bagels, while the reheat function keeps your toast nice and warm. There's a kettle to accompany it, too.



DESIGNER STYLE Silver toaster by Sebastian Conran, John Lewis £54.95

We say: Finished in chic stainless steel, this is part of a range of small appliances, including a four-slice design, matching kettle, hand mixer and blender. Generous slots are ideal for doorstop slices, while a defrost, bagel and reheat setting make it a good all-round buy.



SLIMLINE MODEL Graef Long Slot toaster, Divertimenti £89.95

We say: Ideal for shallow worktops, this long and slender design comes in black (shown) and white finishes. As well as the usual features, it has an extra-lift function, which makes it easy to remove toast, and an attachment to warm buns.



CHIC AND SLEEK NT-DP1, Panasonic £69.99

We say: As part of a new range of kettles and coffee machines, this curvy design comes in hi-gloss White (shown), Black, Grey or Violet finishes. It can toast different-sized breads, has a warming rack for heating croissants and buns, and a defrost function. The browning control ensures you get a perfect slice every time.



QUIRKY FORM Bistro, Bodum £54.95

We say: With its modern style and on-trend colourway, this striking design will brighten up any worktop. It also comes in a four-slice format and has a matching kettle. It features variable browning, a defrost button, a rack for warming bread, bagels, muffins and croissants. There's a crumb tray and a cord retainer that hides the wire when not in use.



GREAT FOR BAGELS 'I'm a Toaster', Sabichi £20

We say: Available in a range of five colours including Purple (shown), Rouge, Lime, Cream and brushed stainless steel, this toaster has a reheat, defrost, cancel and dedicated bagel function. Sabichi's affordable 'I'm a...' collection also features kettles, scales, canisters, frying pans and bins to complete the look.



FOUR-SLICE

METALLIC FINISH ST16010, Swan £45

We say: In head-turning rich copper, this elegant toaster also comes in Deep Plum, Ruby Red and Cool Graphite finishes. The four-slice design boasts variable browning control, defrost, reheat and cancel functions, and there's also a handy removable crumb tray for easy cleaning. Matching jug kettles and two-slice designs are available.



TIMELESS LOOKS Elements, Breville £129.95

We say: To save time and energy, you can use the four slots individually or at the same time. There are crumpet/bagel, defrost and cancel options to choose from, and illuminated dials show you how long until your toast is ready – they can be removed, too, for easy cleaning. A kettle in this sleek stainless-steel finish is also available.



CUSTOMISED CLASSIC Emma Bridgewater, Dualit £165

We say: Add some quirky country style to your kitchen with this colourful polka-dot design. Choose to toast one, two, three or four slices at a time and use the variable control dial for precise browning. There are also settings for frozen bread, bagels and teacakes. Rubber feet keep it nice and stable.



ON-TREND FINISH Teal Spectrum, Dunelm Mill £29.99

We say: In this season's must-have shade, this model ticks all the boxes in the home-style stakes. As well as a variable-browning control, it includes defrost and reheat features, plus a slide-out crumb tray and cord storage. Alternative finishes include Cream, Raspberry and Lime.



BUYER'S CHECKLIST

- Depending on how many people there are in your household, opt for either a two- or four-slice model.
- For toasting crumpets, bagels or chunky bread, look for models with large or adjustable slots. Some designs even feature dedicated

- warming racks to heat up croissants or teacakes.
- Useful additions include a defrost mode, handy when you run out of fresh bread. Toasters that let you heat single slots at a time are an efficient choice.
- Reheat features are a good

- idea if you get distracted, as you can warm up your bread again without burning it. A cancel button lets you stop the toaster mid-cycle.
- Look for extra-lift functions so you can get your bread out without the risk of burning your fingers.