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→ handy helpers

These clever products make tackling everyday chores—from feeding the family to streamlining laundry time—just a little easier



↑ get more cooking capacity

When a crowd's coming over, Fagor's portable double-burner induction cooktop gives you more space to whip up a meal. Plug it into a standard outlet and the appliance's speedy heating will get dinner to the table in record time. \$300; fagor.com

skip the bartender →

Come party time, decant your preferred pour into the removable, dishwasher-safe beverage reservoir in Amana's Quick Tap fridge, and people can serve themselves from the in-door dispenser. \$800; amana.com



↑ **be your own barista** Satisfy any guest's hot-drink request with Bosch's Tassimo beverage system, which has over 40 single-cup coffee, tea, and cocoa "pod" options. The newest model's LCD display tracks brewing time and signals when the machine needs more water—or cleaning. \$200; bosch-home.com/us



↑ conquer laundry chaos

Say good-bye to heaps of lights and darks strewn on the floor. Armstrong cabinets' new LaundryCenter option offers sorting bins, hanger inserts, and other organizers to keep pre- and post-wash piles tucked away. \$95 to \$200 each; armstrong.com/cabinets

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↓ reverse your swing

The door opens from either side of Kenmore Elite's 30-inch built-in microwave, so it suits righties, lefties, and any kitchen configuration. How's that for convenience? \$800 to \$900; kenmore.com

