Men'sHealth

MAKE A BREW BEST FRIEND

THE COFFEE MACHINE MARKET IS CLUTTERED WITH CRAP.
CHOOSE WISELY WITH THIS FLOWCHART.

START

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW MINUTES IN THE MORNING?

AT HOME

If it earns me a better cup of coffee, then yes.

I barely have time to put my pants on.

DO YOU LIKE A THICKER, HEAVIER COFFEE?

I like it like motor oil.

Not really.

AND YOU DON'T MIND A LITTLE GRIT?

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE YOU BREWING FOR?

Bring it on!

Grit? Gross.

Generally it's just me.

Two, at least. Maybe more.

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO BUY FRESH, LOCALLY ROASTED BEANS?

I may not do it all the time, but I'd like the option.

I just want my caffeine.

DO YOU LIKE DOING DISHES?

Who likes doing dishes?

Eh, I don't mind.

BE HONEST: ARE YOU A COFFEE NERD?

I just want my coffee.

Call me Bill Nye.

AT WORK

DO YOU LIKE STRONG COFFEE?

No, I get jittery.

The stronger the better.

ON THE GO

DO YOU SPEND MORE NIGHTS SLEEPING INDOORS OR OUTDOORS?

I'm on the hotel circuit.

Camping is kind of my thing.

Bodum Chambord French Press
If you like coffee with substance and heft, go French. The mesh plunger pushes more oil and coffee particles into your cup. *$40, bodum.com*

Hario V60
It makes a well-rounded coffee. With this brewer, go with a fine grind and be careful to pour in the water slowly. *$41, prima-coffee.com*

notNeutral Gino Dripper
The 2014 U.S. Brewers Cup champion used the Gino to win. It creates a more balanced brew than other pour-over cones. *$24, notneutral.com*

Siphon Brewer
This setup is a hassle to wash, but it makes a clean, consistent cup that's worth the effort. Plus, just look at the freakin' thing! *$75, amazon.com*

Chemex
The Chemex's superthick paper filters remove more of the coffee's oil for a cleaner, brighter-tasting cup. *$42, chemexcoffeemaker.com*

Bonavita BV1900TS
This unit pre-wets grounds (ideal for hands-off fresh coffee) and holds water in the 195 to 205°F brewing sweet spot. *$190, bonavitaworld.com*

Keurig 2.0 K350
The premeasured pods make brewing effortless. Downsides: The cups end up in landfills because they're not easy to recycle. *$180, keurig.com*

Clever Dripper
It's perfect for brewing at your desk: The coffee doesn't drain out of the cone until you set the device on your office mug. *$22, amazon.com*

Aerobie AeroPress
This on-the-go system works like a French press, except that the paper AeroPress filter removes more of the coffee's oils. *$29, aeropress.com*

GSI Collapsible Java Drip
Backpackers, rejoice: This drip cone collapses flat and weighs less than 5 ounces. Brew atop a mug, glug, and trek forth! *$13, gsioutdoors.com*

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