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Who has time to cook? *You* might with this new stuff, vetted by moms across the country

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Dice, dice, baby

Chopping veggies can be fun (okay, at least fast) with the Chef'n VeggiChop. Throw in anything, from tomatoes to peppers, put the lid back on, and pull the cord; it'll do the rest. Just keep pulling for a finer chop—the nonslip base helps hold it in place. (\$30; williams-sonoma.com) *"My kids loved pulling the string! It doesn't take much effort, so it's a great way for them to help me in the kitchen."*
—Christine Gerdes, mom of Madison and Alexis, 4, Detroit Lakes, MN



Blades of glory

No knife seems to slice herbs quickly (or well). Just roll OXO's Good Grips Herb Mincer over them and the mini-blades will create perfectly sized bits for cooking. (\$15; oxo.com) *"Chopping cilantro is such a chore, but not with this. It also makes it a snap to cut toast and cheese into bite-size pieces for my one-year-old."*
—Heather Johnson, mom of Burke, 4, Ashlyn, 3, and Ryker, 1, Norfolk, NE



Grime fighter

If you've ever chipped away dried sauce blobs with a knife (and scratched your dishes and pans), you'll want this: Dawn's Scrub and Scrape Sponge. Thanks to its easy-to-grip shape, your hands won't cramp. (\$3.50 for a package of two; dawnkitchen.com) *"I didn't have to stop scrubbing and grab something else to scrape off hardened food. It got the job done!"* —Verenetta Warner, mom of Kobe, 6 James, 4, and Riley, 2, Harvest, AL

