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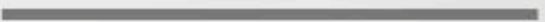
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The Year's Most Ingenious Products 





Adding another layer of ego to the already self-indulgent art of home moviemaking, the features included on Canon's VIXION HD camcorder promise to help the average person's noodling "mimic big-budget productions." They include top-shelf image stabilization and the mesmerizing Cinema Mode, which simulates the shutter effect of film. \$1,100.

www.usa.canon.com



How do you improve a product so beloved it's already become a verb? TiVo does it with the new TiVo HD DVR, which finally lets users record and play back video in hi-def. It's also now possible to record two channels simultaneously (HD or standard) while playing back a third. The box itself has gotten an attractive black metallic finish, courtesy of San Francisco's Y Studios. \$399.

www.tivo.com



A sexed-up version of Tinkertoys, Q-Buildmate by architect Andrew Comfort is a set of jewel-like rapid-prototyped polycarbonate blocks that can be stacked into elaborate towers, demonstrating cantilever and center of gravity to any budding Herzig or De Meuron. Also included are small steel bolts that, when dropped into the top block, plunk down through the structure like drunk janitors. \$20 for a 20-pack and \$50 for a 50-pack.

www.q-buildmate.com



Eri Utsugi, the woman behind the two-year-old Japanese fashion label mercibeausoup, sends models down the catwalk with afro wigs teased into animal-like shapes and sets runway shows to the bleeps and bloops of video-game music. So it's no surprise that her five Tokyo-based boutiques, designed by Jiro Endo with architect Masafumi Sumiyoshi, are kitted out with playful kawaii styling: The walls of her Shibuya shop are lined with cloth sausage casings; the Aoyama Outpost, shown here, is a human-scale incarnation of Milton Bradley's Game of Life.

www.mercibeausoup.jp

