

## Rating Mini Food Processors

WE ROUNDED UP EIGHT MINI FOOD PROCESSORS AND PUT THEM THROUGH A VARIETY OF TASKS (CHOPPING almonds, grating Parmesan, mincing garlic and parsley, and processing a curry paste) to determine if any of them could handle these jobs with ease. The processors are listed in order of preference. See [www.americastestkitchen.com](http://www.americastestkitchen.com) for up-to-date prices and mail-order sources for top-rated products.

### RECOMMENDED

#### KitchenAid Chef's Chopper (KFC3100)

Capacity: 3 cups

**\$39.99**

The best of the bunch managed the curry and made short work of the chopped almonds. Mincing parsley was beyond its—and every other chopper's—ability, but the motor-on-bottom design gives the cook a good view of what's going on and easy access to the bowl.



### NOT RECOMMENDED

#### Ultimate Chopper

Capacity: 2¾ cups

**\$39.50**

This brutish machine pulverized almonds into powder before we had a chance to stop at "chopped." The largest chopper, in terms of counter space occupation, has a puny plastic workbowl and couldn't lure parsley to its blades.



### RECOMMENDED WITH RESERVATIONS

#### Cuisinart Mini-Prep Plus Processor (DLC-2A)

Capacity: 3 cups

**\$39.99**

Its results rivaled that of the KitchenAid, but this "jumpy" machine needed a hand to keep it from processing itself off the counter.



### NOT RECOMMENDED

#### General Electric Deluxe Chopper (106848)

Capacity: 3 cups

**\$14.95**

This extremely loud machine's bark is much worse than its bite. Food had trouble working down the tall, narrow workbowl into the blades.



### RECOMMENDED WITH RESERVATIONS

#### Cuisinart Mini-Prep Processor (DLC-1)

Capacity: about 2.5 cups

**\$29.95**

This model produced decent results, but its cramped work bowl kept it from rivaling the larger Cuisinart.



### NOT RECOMMENDED

#### Hamilton Beach Fresh Chop Food Chopper (72600)

Capacity: 3 cups

**\$19.99**

Like the GE Deluxe Chopper, this model is extremely loud, and food tends to float above the blades rather than fall into them.



### RECOMMENDED WITH RESERVATIONS

#### Bosch Universal Chopper (MMR0800UC)

Capacity 3.5 cups

**\$49.99**

A champ with the tough-to-process green curry, this chopper has a few design issues. It has a large workbowl with a user-friendly on-off mechanism, but the huge top-mounted motor overshadows its good performance, literally.



### NOT RECOMMENDED

#### Black & Decker Chopper (EHC650)

Capacity: 3 cups

**\$24.99**

Parsley just took many harmless spins around the workbowl of this model and almonds were merely roughed up. The top-mounted motor gets messy and is tough to clean.

