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Kitchen appliance to save space: a radio toaster

For those consumers that find their kitchens are cluttered with too many appliances, help is at hand with a toaster that doubles up as a radio.



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The Breville Radio Toaster combines two kitchen essentials, allowing people to listen to their favourite breakfast show, while heating up their morning slice of white or wholemeal.

It is the latest in a long line of ingenious and sometimes eccentric kitchen gadgets designed for those that are short of space but love a slice of toast.

As well a FM radio, it features an auxiliary input so consumers can connect their mp3 digital music players, such as an iPod.

Stuart Miles, the editor of the Pocket-lint gadget website, said: "It's a fun modern day idea, combining two into one and leaving more room for another kitchen gadget. It's music to eat your toast to."

The gadget, made in China retails at £50 at Firebox.com. "We expect the Breville Radio Toaster to be very popular with our customers" says Ben Fowler, head of product development at the retailer. "It's a quirky, unique kitchen product that'll make a great gift for house proud home owners and couples."

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Kat Hannaford from Gizmodo, a technology website, pointed out that radio-toasters had been tried before, when DeLonghi, the appliance manufacturer, included an FM radio on one of its machines. She added that the Breville model was a, "great price for the amount of technology, and has nice retro styling," though joked that there was a serious risk of marmalade clogging up the radio dials.

Breville's gadget can be added to the long line of souped up toasters that have managed to appeal to Britain's combined love affair with breakfast and quirky appliances. Tefal launched the Toast n Egg, which was a toaster with an attached egg poacher, while Electrolux has made a Scan Toaster, a computer printer/heater that allowed you to print a customised pattern on your toast.

In 2001 Brunel University created a toaster that could toast a graphic of the weather prediction (limited to sunny or cloudy) onto a piece of bread.

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