



# Best HDTVs for the kitchen and bedroom

Smaller HDTVs are ideal for the other rooms in your house, with LCD well suited to varied light conditions.

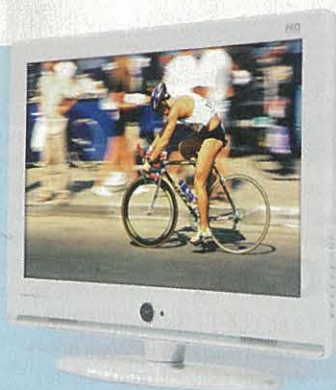
Unless you're Jamie Oliver, you've probably got limited space in the kitchen, so 26in or smaller is an ideal-sized TV for a countertop. Alternatively, you may want a smaller, secondary TV for other rooms in the house. At 26in, your options are limited to LCD, as plasma displays don't come any smaller than 40in.

You can now get TVs with Full HD resolution as compact as 32in, but don't assume these offer better picture quality. Given the tighter pixel density in the smaller screen sizes, the difference between 1080p and 720p is virtually non-existent.

More important for tight spaces are built-in features. The majority of your TV watching in the kitchen is

likely to be television programs, so an integrated digital tuner is a must-have. Other things to look for are a built-in DVD player and USB port. HDTVs that offer the latter feature can accommodate digital cameras and flash drives for playing a slideshow of photos, but some can also play music and video from attached portable media players.

A wide viewing angle is also essential. Some LCDs shift dramatically in contrast and colour when you view them off-axis, so check that the viewing angle is at least 170 degrees — easily done by standing directly in front of the LCD and then walking towards it in an arc on either side until you can't see the picture clearly anymore.



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SIZE	19in
TYPE	LCD
RESOLUTION	1,440 x 900

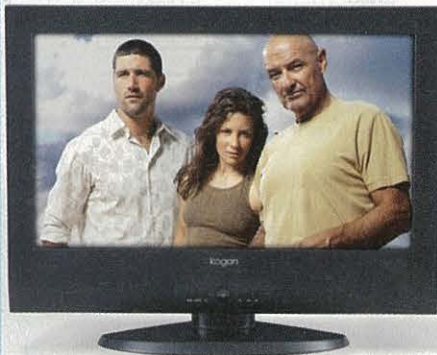
## \$500-\$750 Grundig Misuro HD

The specs on the Misuro HD are fairly modest, with a 700:1 native contrast ratio, 300cd/m2 brightness and a 150-degree viewing angle. But what it lacks in quality, it more than makes up for in convenience. Built-in features include an HD tuner and a DVD player, the latter of which can also play audio CDs and MP3s that you've burnt to a disc. It's also very versatile: you can leave it on the stand, mount it on a wall and even take it with you in the car thanks to the included 12-volt adapter. Plus, it's available in black or white.

PRICE	\$799
SIZE	26in
TYPE	LCD
RESOLUTION	1,366 x 768

## \$750-\$1,000 Kogan D-Pro 26 LCD

The Kogan D-Pro 26 LCD is a great all-in-one solution for the kitchen or other small spaces, with an integrated side-loading DVD player and a USB input that can display photos off a connected digital camera or flash drive. For extra geek points, it can also play DivX files directly from a flash drive — you can now watch all those downloaded episodes of *The Iron Chef* in situ. The fly in the ointment is that it comes with an SD DVB-T tuner only, so you'll need to purchase a separate HD set-top box to tune into all the high-definition television programming.



PRICE	\$1,199 (street)
SIZE	26 inch
TYPE	LCD
RESOLUTION	1,366 x 768

## \$1,000 plus NEC NLT26 HDDV3

The NEC NLT26HDDV3 offers the convenience of a built-in DVD player and HD DVB-T tuner, but it doesn't do so at the expense of picture quality. Contrast ratio is a respectable 3,000:1, and a six-millisecond response time minimises the motion blur in action scenes, sports and gaming. Smaller televisions are typically limited in the number of A/V ports on offer, but this HDTV includes one of each of the different input types, including HDMI, component, composite and D-Sub. An added bonus is the longer-than-average three-year warranty.