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Digital Scales

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Want more precision in your baking? Revolutionize your brownie-making routine with one of these handy digital kitchen scales. We tested a dozen and picked our favorites based on precision, appearance, ease of cleaning and general user-friendliness. We weighed sugar, spinach, coffee and coins, as well as slippery liquids galore. These five winners, all of which can weigh around 11 pounds of ingredients, were the best of the bunch.



JOSEPH JOSEPH SHELL

THE MODERNIST

Joseph Joseph Shell

\$65 // josephjoseph.com

Plus: This was far and away the coolest-looking scale we tested, with an elegant Tiffany-bean-like measuring bowl on top that saved us from scrambling around the kitchen in search of a container to hold our ingredients.

Minus: Good design costs a bit more, and we wish the white plastic base looked as handsome as the measuring bowl.



OXO GOOD GRIPS FOOD SCALE WITH PULLOUT DISPLAY

THE BLUE RIBBON

Oxo Good Grips Food Scale With Pullout Display

\$50 // oxo.com

Plus: This scale is chock-full of nifty features, most notably a pullout display that's indispensable when weighing large bowls that might otherwise obscure the readout window. We also liked the dishwasher-safe removable tray.

Minus: The scale displays weights in fractions, not the more commonly used (and easier to decipher) decimals, which can be a headache for those of us who have forgotten our basic arithmetic.



ESCALI PRIMO

THE ENDURANCE ATHLETE

Escali Primo

\$25 // escali.com

Plus: This mega-affordable scale has an extremely generous auto shut-off window: a solid four minutes, or enough time to measure everything we needed for a whole cake. Others with shorter timeouts had the irritating tendency to turn off

while we were still in medias measuring.

Minus: The all-plastic exterior isn't going to win any design awards (though we did enjoy the nice selection of colors, particularly the pumpkin).



EATSMART PRECISION
PRO DIGITAL KITCHEN
SCALE

THE STARTER SCALE

EatSmart Precision Pro Digital Kitchen Scale

\$25 // eatsmartproducts.com

Plus: Another bargain that worked as well or better than many of the pricier scales we tested, the EatSmart uses AAA batteries, which are cheaper and easier to find than lithium batteries.

Minus: It shuts off faster than many, and with its blobby design, it's not exactly a work of art. It doesn't have a LCD light on the readout, which can make for some

stooping and squinting.



OZERI ZENITH DIGITAL
KITCHEN SCALE

THE SILVER BULLET

Ozeri Zenith Digital Kitchen Scale

\$60 // ozeri.com

Plus: This ultra-slim stainless-steel scale could have been designed in the atelier of Steve Jobs, and smearing its smooth surface with fingerprints is all but impossible. It has more units of measure than most of the other scales: grams, fluid

ounces, ounces and milliliters.

Minus: The automatic shut-off kicked in faster than we would have liked, sometimes while we were still measuring ingredients, and accurately zeroing out the scale occasionally took some persistence.

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