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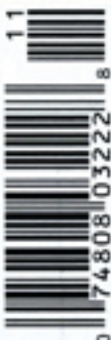
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← Lightweight, portable USB keys (or flash drives) are the descendant of the floppy disk. Since they're impervious to dust, lack fragile moving parts, and are malleable, designers have—for better or worse—been liberated to cram flash memory into a variety of forms (case in point: highly questionable USB jewelry). Toronto-based creative collective imm Living, known for injecting its wry sensibility into all manner of quirky housewares, offers these intricately detailed USB keys. Each key—East, West, Rock Out, Peace, and Vulcan—has a two-gigabyte capacity for storing documents, photos, music, and programs. *Hand sign USB keys, \$37, imm-Living.com*



Urban Poetry

Japanese architect Toyo Ito is the unassuming equal of global starchitects Rem Koolhaas, Zaha Hadid, and Jacques Herzog. Like them, over the last decade he has dotted the globe with extravagantly implausible architecture, from buildings whose facades resemble delicate paper cutouts to serpentine stadiums. Unlike them, no two of his structures subscribe to the same philosophy. This new tome, simply titled *Toyo Ito*, curates and introduces a selection of his projects, including photos, diagrams, drawings, and computer illustrations. \$90, *Phaidon.com*

Litterati

BYE-BYE BAD SMELLS.

Feline companionship can easily reach a crossroads, say, when a litter box occupies more space than your bathroom. When the ModKat made its debut this year at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair and picked up the Editor's Award for best accessory, even dog people took notice. Designed by Manhattan duo Rich Williams and Brett Teper, the ModKat solves the problem of stray litter with a top entry and a ledge that catches debris; it fits in less space than a normal litter box; and it incorporates a reusable liner that eliminates the need for disposable plastic liners. *ModKat Litter Box, \$180, ModKat.com*



Sonic Nirvana

Finding stereo Bluetooth headsets that don't push the boundaries of taste is, to say the least, a considerable challenge. The meager few that don't look like relics from the Thunderdome sport oafish flashing lights. Enter the Jabra Halo, the first set of wireless headphones that are more Bauhaus than Battlestar. The Halo easily pairs with Bluetooth-equipped laptops, MP3 players, and mobile phones, including BlackBerrys and iPhones. The aptly named headset pipes music and calls with pristine fidelity up to 30 feet.

Jabra Halo, \$129.99, Jabra.com

