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Best housewares

INSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

- [W] Homeport (Burlington)
- [RU] Kiss the Cook (Burlington)

OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

- [W] Capital Kitchen (Montpelier)
- [RU] Stowe Kitchen, Bath & Linens

Best furniture store

- [W] Burlington Furniture Company
- [RU] Homeport (Burlington)

Best antique/secondhand store

- [W] ReSTORE (Barre, Burlington)
- [RU] Anjou & the Little Pear (Burlington)
- [W]

Best lighting shop

- [W] Conant Metal & Light (Burlington)
- [RU] The Lighting House (Shelburne)

Best place to buy wedding gifts

- [W] Frog Hollow Vermont State Craft Center (Burlington)
- [RU] Bed Bath & Beyond (Williston)

Best photo shop

- [W] PhotoGarden (South Burlington)
- [RU] LeZot Camera (Burlington)

Best computer store

- [W] Small Dog Electronics (South Burlington/Waitsfield)
- [RU] Best Buy (Williston)

Best place to rent a movie

- [W] Waterfront Video (Burlington, Middlebury)
- [RU] Netflix

Best Internet service provider

- [W] Comcast
- [RU] Burlington Telecom

Best web developer

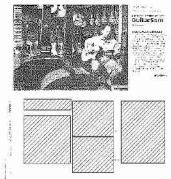
- [W] Union Street Media (Burlington)
- [RU] (tie) Eternity Web Development (South Burlington)
Propeller Media Works (Burlington)

Best stationer

- [W] Ink. Ink. Fine Stationery (Shelburne)
- [RU] Capitol Stationers (Montpelier)

Best bridal shop

- [W] Fiori Bridal Boutique (Essex Junction)
- [RU] Sewly Yours & Once Upon a Bride (Burlington)



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Mad Lori. Live and in person.

We can't stop here. This is bat country.

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Product reccie

Aug. 27th, 2010 at 10:41 AM



I've got a project coming up for which I will likely need to record some interviews, so after some Googling about I purchased this little item, the [Chill Pill iPod microphone](#).



It's very small, about the size of the last joint of your pinky finger. It was less than \$20. I received it and was prepared for its operation to be somehow annoying. Things usually are, in some way. Imagine my surprise when it was slick as all get-out. You plug the microphone into your headphone jack, and in the main menu of your iPod (the music/videos/podcasts menu) a new item appears: Voice Memos. You select it, and it shows if there are recordings on the iPod, and has an item labeled Start Recording. You do that, and it starts recording, and there you go.

I worried too that getting the recordings to my computer would be somehow annoying. But no. I synced my iPod, and found that when it was done, there was a new Voice Memos playlist in my iTunes. There was the test recording I'd made. And it actually sounded pretty great.

The *only* thing that was a little surprising was that once the recording is saved to your computer, it's deleted from the iPod. It would also be difficult to listen to the recordings on the iPod before they are transferred, since the microphone goes in the headphone jack and you *only* get the Voice Memos menu accessible when the microphone is there. You'd need speakers. Which is maybe possibly a point of detraction but probably not a huge one.

One thing that makes me nervous is that it's so small. I'm afraid of losing it. The cap does have a little thingie for your keychain but it is so tiny that I can't fit it on any of my keychains. Possibly I could use lanyard string or something. For the mo I have it in a pouch with the tips for the portable charger.

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[pandoralsu](#) wrote:
Aug. 27th, 2010 03:39 pm (UTC)
OMG that's awesome. I want one! Great for podcasting on the go!

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[madlori](#) wrote:
Aug. 28th, 2010 03:30 am (UTC)
I can see it being handy for lots of situations. Taping lectures. Taking notes. Recording phone calls, even. Or like me, recording interviews.

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[girlgoth](#) wrote:
Aug. 27th, 2010 06:07 pm (UTC)
Wow! That is tiny.
I think the top part is actually supposed to fit either on like a cellphone charm, or with a cellphone charm holder (can't remember the name). It looks like the hook up on most cameras and phones for that. :)

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