



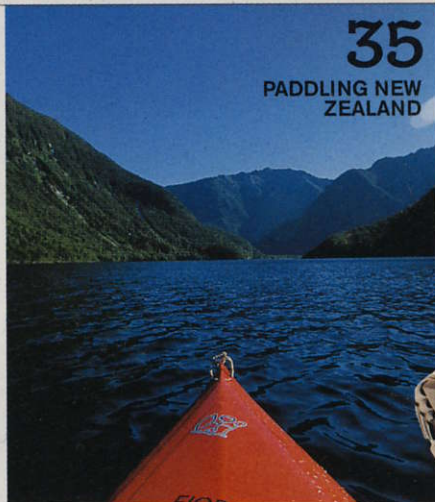
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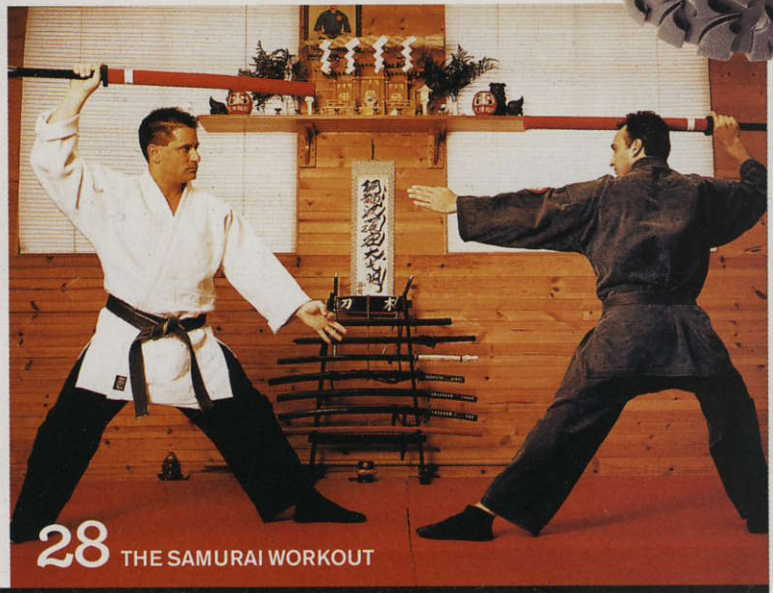
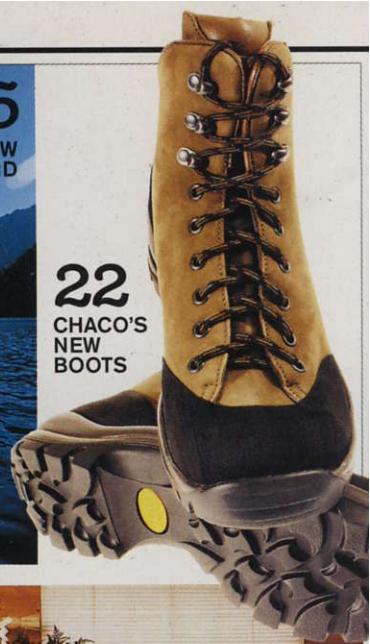
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"The wrong equipment is half the reason things go wrong in the kitchen," says Mario Batali, preparing pasta in his New York apartment.



MY GEAR

# Mario Batali

His fourth restaurant, Otto Enoteca Pizzeria, opens in New York City this winter, but there's still nothing the chef relishes more than cooking spaghetti with a spicy pancetta sauce at his home in Greenwich Village. So what *are* the essential tools in a man's kitchen? Mario shares some of his well-tested secret weapons. —Ben Court

## T O O L S & T O Y S

**Viking Cookware** "The thick base on my three-quart sauté pan [\$200] evenly distributes heat, so there's less chance of burning. I use the eight-quart stock pot [\$265] with pasta insert [\$145] so I can add pasta water to elongate the sauce." [\[vikingrange.net\]](http://vikingrange.net)



**KitchenAid Stainless Steel Pasta Tongs** "Great for anytime you want to move or turn something you're sautéing, and obviously ideal for serving pastas." [\[\\$15; amazon.com\]](http://amazon.com)



**Eberhard Schaaf Knives** "I have 30 knives, but you really need only three: a ten-inch chef [\$145, pictured], a paring knife, and a bread knife. The most important thing is that it fits your hand at a weight you enjoy." [\[cookswares.com\]](http://cookswares.com)



**Oxo Good Grips Grater** "The handle is non-slip, and it's so easy to hold that I let my kids use it." [\[\\$6.50; oxo.com\]](http://oxo.com)



**Oxo Spice Grinder** "Why? Because grinding your spices to order triples the flavor you get." [\[\\$20; oxo.com\]](http://oxo.com)



**Converse Chuck Taylor All Stars** "I always wear my Chucks. When I heard they might stop making them, I bought ten pairs in orange. Where'd I find them? That's my secret."

