



## road test UMBRELLAS

IF YOU'RE A GLASS-HALF-FULL TYPE, A RAINY DAY IS JUST AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE RIGHT ACCESSORY. HERE, NINE WINNERS THAT GUARANTEE EXCEPTIONAL SHELTER FROM THE STORM.



### BEST VISIBILITY

#### Echo Graphic Geo

This 70s bubble-style update—with its patterned (yet still see-through) top and clear acrylic handle—ensures the fullest possible hair protection.

**TO BUY:** \$38, [echo.design.com](http://echo.design.com).

### LIGHTEST

#### Samsonite Ultra Mini

Tiny and practically weightless, it can live full-time in your purse. A genius zippered pouch makes it easy to stash even when wet. Better for drizzles rather than downpours. Collapsible.

**TO BUY:** \$17, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).



### BEST BARGAIN

#### Muji Markable

Strong and dependable, this basic stick model (as in, not foldable) manages to feel expensive and sturdy while being lightweight. Cheap enough to let the kids use (and lose).

**TO BUY:** \$14, [muji.us/store-for-stores](http://muji.us/store-for-stores).

### BEST IN THE WIND

#### GustBuster

A winner from a 2005 *Real Simple* test, with wind-release vents so even gusts of 55 miles an hour can't turn it inside out. A classic hardwood handle makes it guy-friendly.

**TO BUY:** \$35, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).



### BEST FOLD-UP

#### Eddie Bauer Spring

The sturdiest portable we tried, with a tiered construction that keeps it from flipping and a no-slip grip. It opens and closes with one hand—a plus when you're dealing with coffee or car keys. Collapsible.

**TO BUY:** \$19.50, [eddiebauer.com](http://eddiebauer.com).

### PRETTIEST

#### Pare Berries for You

We fell for the details on this one—delicate purple piping, a stitched faux-leather handle, and (in place of Velcro or a snap), a sweet fabric-covered button closure. Expect compliments on the street.

**TO BUY:** \$65, [pareumbrella.com](http://pareumbrella.com).

