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Sodastream Home Soda Makers



Ex-Stream Refreshment

On3's "Access Hollywood/Stuff You Must..." Golden Globes gifting lounge in many ways is one of the most exclusive places for the Hollywood elite to satisfy their thirst for the latest in designer cloths and must-have gadgets. Though a lot of their featured vendors were particular special this go-round, the first thing that got our attention was a penguin. However, this happy feat was part of **Sodastream's sleek and chic line of home soda makers**. In addition to the whimsical penguin model (which is at the top of their line and available at **Williams-Sonoma**), the demonstrators also introduced us to other models such as the original **Fountain Jet**.

Though the Sodastream make a kitchen look all the more complete, it also appealed to our desires to go green, embrace convenience and drink smarter. What's not to like about trading in bottled water and its baggage for the do-it-yourself version, which happens to taste great? The syrups made for the machines come in a **myriad of great flavors**, both regular and sugar free. Better still, all that potential variety sure beats vending machines, and your summer parties are guaranteed to be a hit.

While the designs of the machines and their benefits are very 21st century, it is interesting to note that the company dates back to 1903, when the founders first introduced innovative solutions to the beverage market. Today, The Sodastream system enables consumers to carbonate water and to flavor carbonated beverages at home as an alternative to purchasing pre-packed bottles or cans. This has many important benefits to the consumer including cost savings in a way that is kinder to the environment from the standpoint of production and packaging.

Sodastream start at \$79.99 and are available at **Kohl's** as well as www.sodastream.com.

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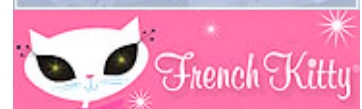


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