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Americans drink 225 million cups of coffee a day at home. But very few of those cups are as hot as they ought to be. To bring out the full taste, coffee should be brewed with water at 200 degrees, a temperature too high for most machines' plastic components. Enter Technivorm, a little-known Dutch company. Its **KBT-741 Coffeemaker** works at the right temperature and deposits the coffee straight into a thermal carafe, thus also avoiding the burnt flavor that comes from java sitting in a glass container on a hot plate. What we had considered an acceptable cup before was suddenly second-class. **\$205, [www.boyds.com](http://www.boyds.com).**

