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spice-rubbed chicken
with fresh pineapple salsa

round-up

The ABCs of grilling gear

From basting brushes to locking tongs, here's everything you need to get grilling this summer.

B is for basting brush

The angled neck of this silicone basting brush, by Grill Friends, makes it extra easy to brush on barbecue sauces. \$9.99 at [Laprimashops.com](#).

C is for charcoal chimney

A chimney starter lets you bring charcoal briquettes to flame without lighter fluid. This one from Weber sells for \$12.99 at [Thekitchenstore.com](#).

G is for grill thermometer

This thermometer from Taylor sits right on the cooking grate so you can know exactly how hot your grill is. \$13 at [Williams-Sonoma](#).

H is for hardwood charcoal

Forget briquettes. This makes a naturally clean-burning and super-hot fire. We like Lazzari brand, available in some supermarkets—or call the company (800-242-7265) to find retailers near you.

M is for Mitt

Kool-Tek's 15-inch oven mitt delivers excellent heat resistance without sacrificing manual dexterity. \$29.95 at [Cooking.com](#).

Q is for quarter sheet pans

These heavy-duty pans from Chicago Metallic are great for hauling supplies from kitchen to grill. \$11.95 at [Bakerscatalogue.com](#).

S is for skewer

With Steven Raichlen's 6½-inch double-pronged bamboo skewers (perfect for small bites), ingredients won't spin when you flip your kebabs. \$6.99 for a set of 20 at [Amazon.com](#).

T is for tongs

Messermeister's new silicone-tipped locking tongs come in assorted colors. \$8.99 at [Kendelcutlery.com](#).

W is for wire grill brush

KitchenAid's barbecue grill brush has a replaceable head and a dishwasher-safe handle. \$19.99 at [Kitchenaid.com](#).

