



Apple figures we'll just sit on

our settees and admire

the Mini's brushed

steel corners.

Ooh, industrial...





JVC UX-VJ5 £250|jvc.co.uk

Double, no trouble

Life is full of tough choices: what socks to wear, whether to have a custard cream so close to your teatime... But with JVC's UX-VJ5, 'which iThing to dock' is an easy one. Like most things that are fun, it involves two — and as well as taking on a Jobs' worth of devices, the VJ5 also comes with a CD player and a pair of 15W

speakers. Now all you need to do is decide which one to play your music from.



MP3 SPY

Tom Wiggins



Stuffing the lossless aubergine with DRM-free couscous

• Most bands' iPhone apps are little more than interactive ads for their latest album. But the **Pixies** aren't most bands. Black Francis and co's free iOS and Android app is more of a smartphone shrine to the late-'80s alt-rock legends, with audio streams of past live shows, a tour archive including setlists, photos and videos, plus free streaming of 1987's *The Purple Tape* — a nine-track EP of early demos. Best of all, it's all for nowt.



 If you'd rather spread your musical net a little wider, Bandito is like your own pocket-sized News at Ten (albeit one with a beatbox theme-tune), delivering music news based on the tracks in your iThing's music library. Fire it up and the gloriously retro-looking app leafs through your tunes and works out which artists you listen to the most. It then scours the web scooping up news stories and blog posts on your favourite beat combos. The free version only shows 10 results a pop, or you can upgrade to unlimited news for a one-off fee of £1.49.

The playlist

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