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"We love this MacGyverization of office supplies, and the book is probably the perfect Christmas gift for the man who has nothing, or the cubicle monkey in your life." —Charlie Sorrel, *Wired.com*

"Mini Weapons is the Holy Grail: a beautifully illustrated guide for making all manner of miniature munitions, from slingshots and catapults to mines and bazookas, with supplies that can be found in any household, office, or classroom." —Gizmodo.com

"Learn how to build an arsenal of weapons from office supplies and junk-drawer items in an effort to annoy your coworkers, family and friends." —*Draft Magazine*

"Cubicle farms are full of enemy combatants begging to be taken out." —*Wired Magazine*

"These inexpensive ideas are fun for all ages and can inspire the kid in all of us." —*Appleton Post Crescent*

"Take your cubicle wars past the archaic stage of just spitballs and elastic bands with John Austin's book, *Mini Weapons of Mass Destruction*." —*OhGizmo.com*

"Nothing inside that will land you on the FBI watch list. (We dont think)." —*Urbandaddy.com*

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