

# Newsday

## great gadgets

Electronic goodies for the tech savvy

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**S**tuck for a gift idea? No matter what the age or gender of the recipient, there is probably an electronic gadget or accessory to fit the bill. Following are some of our favorites for this holiday season. Manufacturers' suggested retail prices are given, but the market is so competitive that it pays to shop around online or in stores before making your purchase.

### KINDLE FIRE

**WHAT** Some are calling Amazon.com's just-released Kindle Fire the first real competitor to Apple's iPad. Not only is its price more comfortable for many consumers, the Android-based tablet has a 7-inch color touch screen, 8 gigabytes of internal storage space and a dual-core processor for fast Web browsing and multitasking. There are thousands of compatible apps, not to mention 18 million movies, TV shows, songs, magazines and books, plus free Cloud storage for all your Amazon content. What Kindle Fire does lack are a microphone, camera and SD slot. Includes a power adapter.

**BUY** \$199, amazon.com, Best Buy, Target, Walmart, Staples, Sam's Club, RadioShack



### PIVOT POWER

**WHAT** Power strips are so 2010. With their outlets spaced closely together in a straight line, you'll rarely get to use all of them because of the varying sizes of your gadgets' plugs. Quirky's Pivot Power flexible power strip solves the problem, since each of its six outlets can be turned into any direction you need it to accommodate a plug and your furniture. Its own 6-foot cord comes with a flat head plug to hit in tight spaces.

**BUY** \$30, quirky.com, amazon.com, bed bathandbeyond.com, OfficeMax stores.

### WORKEZ

**WHAT** The WorkEZ by Uncaged is an ergonomic aluminum laptop cooling stand with adjustable height and angle that reduces screen glare and makes it functional in multiple scenarios. Place it on a desk or counter to compute while standing, or use it as a lap desk while sitting on the floor, lounging in a chair or reclining in your bed. Available in three sizes and various colors, depending on the model. Cooling fans can be added to the larger two sizes.

**BUY** From \$40, uncagedergonomics.com



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### INFINITE IMAGE PORTRAIT PUZZLE

**WHAT** The Infinite Image Portrait Puzzle reuses 300 pieces with different shades and gradients of light and dark sepia tones to re-create any portrait. The puzzle's software generates a unique map of symbols and colors from a JPG image. The map acts as the building instructions for the puzzle, which is assembled on the included 10-by-13 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch cardboard grid. The puzzle maker matches the symbols on the map with those printed on the back of each puzzle piece. Completed puzzles viewed from several feet away closely resemble the original image. Compatible with Windows and Mac computers.  
**BUY** \$35, hammacher.com.



### PIXEET

**WHAT** Ever wish you could make those cool moving panorama pictures you see on hotel and real-estate websites? Now you can with PixeeT, a fisheye lens and free app for iPhone 3 or 4, which stitches together four photos you take into a 360-degree video panorama. The Japanese-made lens is aluminum with high-quality optical glass and comes with a case to hold it in place. The lens also can be used with a large range of Smartphone or video cameras. Share your creation on Facebook or other social network sites. Show off your house, a vacation spot, your college or a party scene.  
**BUY** \$50 (plus \$15 shipping), pixeet.com

### iSAFE LAPTOP MESSENGER BAG

**WHAT** Commuters, students or anyone who carries valuables or ventures into risky areas will appreciate the iSafe Laptop Messenger Bag. It is equipped with an alarm system concealed beneath a flap on the shoulder strap that can be easily activated in a threatening situation or a medical emergency. Along with the high-decibel alarm, a row of high-intensity strobe lights on the bag flash and can be seen for 400 yards. The bag fits laptops with up to 15.4-inch screens and has seven compartments. iSafe also makes backpacks and waist packs with alarm systems.  
**BUY** regularly \$90, now \$40 at isafebags.com



### BROADWAY TV TUNER

**WHAT** Watching live streaming TV on your iPhone, Android phone, iPad, Windows or Mac computer is plug-and-play with Broadway by Hauppauge, a Long Island company. Broadway converts your TV signal into a format that can be displayed on your mobile device, sends it to your home router, then transmits it to your device or computer. Broadway's TV tuner supports cable and satellite set-top boxes, over-the-air TV signals and unencrypted digital cable TV. Once connected to your TV source, Broadway can send your favorite TV programs to your mobile device anywhere in the world.  
**BUY** \$199; hauppauge.com, amazon.com, adorama.com



### QUIRKY DIGITS

**WHAT** This winter, connect with your electronic touch screens with Quirky Digits, mini pins topped with conductive silicone that screw onto the fingertips of your favorite gloves to make them smartphone- and iPad-compatible. Each set comes with eight pins so you can either have four fingers on one set of gloves, or two fingers each on two pairs of gloves.

**BUY** \$12, quirky.com



### VERBATIM WIRELESS MINI KEYBOARD AND MOUSE

**WHAT** Save space and go wireless with the Verbatim Wireless Mini Keyboard and Mouse. This slim, narrow keyboard has the same keyboard configuration as a laptop, and its low-profile keys are crisp and responsive. It features a media console so you can play and pause music at the touch of a button. Compatible with Windows XP, Vista and 7.

**BUY** \$54; verbatimstore.com, amazon.com, buy.com, Walmart stores (call for availability).



### BUSHNELL HYBRID LASER GPS

**WHAT** Play golf like 90 percent of the PGA pros with a Bushnell Hybrid Laser GPS golf range finder, which combines laser accuracy with GPS convenience. Its PinSeeker Technology has plus or minus 1-yard accuracy, five-times magnification and distance to the front, center and back of the green. Its GPS function offers more than 16,000 pre-loaded North American courses.

**BUY** \$500, amazon.com, golfsmith.com, dickssportinggoods.com, Modell's.



### CORE ARMBAND

**WHAT** Keep your New Year's resolution to get back in shape with the Core Armband by Body-Media | Fit. The four sensors in the armband capture data that tracks calories burned, steps taken and levels of physical activity, including sleep. The program's online Activity Manager analyzes the raw data and allows you to log in the food you've consumed to ascertain the quality of your diet with a detailed nutritional breakdown. It also assesses the quantity and quality of your sleep.

**BUY** From \$150 plus online subscription (from \$6.95 a month), bodymedia.com, bestbuy.com, amazon.com, drugstore.com.