

Getting Technical

Last-minute gadget-lover gifts

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Still hunting for gifts for the gadget lover on your shopping list? Here are a few more ideas. The prices are the amount the manufacturer's suggests.

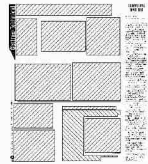
Kit has all the right tools

NewerTech 11 Piece Portable Toolkit

For some people, simple repairs on a computer such as adding memory or replacing a hard drive can be difficult simply because they lack the right tools. This toolkit will remove the difficulty and save you a lot of money by avoiding the installation costs many companies charge for upgrades and repairs.

The 11-piece kit includes all you need to service and upgrade computers and devices such as iPods. You'll find Torx drivers, tweezers, Phillips and standard screwdrivers, and two plastic iPod pry tools — all in a nylon carrying case.

Details: www.newertech.com, \$17.95



Transferring images from camera to computer

Logear 12-in-1 and 56-in-1 Memory Card Reader/Writers

Digital cameras have been a big hit as gifts, but getting the images from the camera to a computer is still a challenge for many. These devices from Logear should solve that problem.

The 12-in-1, which measures just 2.5 inches long and less than 1 inch deep, will support digital memory cards in the SD, Micro SD, Mini SD, MMC, Memory Stick and MS Duo formats. These are found in many pocket-size digital cameras and cell phones with removable memory cards.

If the 12-in-1 does not support your card, then the 56-in-1 is your solution to transfer data to and from devices such as multiple digital camera memory-card formats, camcorders, GPS units and PDAs. Both readers plug directly into USB ports for an easy download or transfer.

Details: www.iogear.com, 12-in-1 \$11.95, 56-in-1 \$19.95



Roomy USB drives are cute, too

Kingston DataTraveler Mini Slim USB drive

These colorful USB drives — no larger than a postage stamp — offer lots of storage and look good, too. The Mini Slims fit on a key chain and are ideal to hold music, movies, work documents or even a student's homework.

These are one of the few tech items that can make a gift for most anyone. They come in 2GB (\$12), 4GB (\$17) and 8GB (\$32) sizes and in black, pink and blue.

Details: www.kingston.com, \$12 to \$32

Headphones transmit sound through listener's bones

GameChanger Audio Bone 1.0 headphones

This is truly an innovative set of headphones, using bone-conduction technology. The headphones transmit the music or sounds you're listening to through the bones directly to the inner ear. Sounds kind of crazy, but they work well and are a great solution if your boss lets you listen to some tunes while working.

Because the headphones don't go into the ears, users can listen to the music but also hear what's going on around them. They're ideal for biking, running or any other outdoor activity where you still would want to hear the surroundings.

In addition, users can enjoy using them underwater or even in environments where earplugs are needed. They are available in colors including orange, black, blue and white.

Details: www.audioboneheadphones.com, \$189

