TECHNOLOGY GIFT IDEAS

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Purchasing

- Many of these gifts can be found at local stores such as Walmart, Best Buy, Target and others.
- Many are harder to find and must be ordered online. Reputable retailers include (but aren’t limited to) Amazon.com, NewEgg.com, Walmart.com, Jet.com, and more.
- While “Black Friday” sales are falling out of favor with some retailers, “Cyber Monday” sales are still going strong. Check for special deals on Monday, November 30.
- Nearly all of these gifts can be found on Amazon.com
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Under $10
USB Flash Drives ($1 - $80)

- Flash Drives come in all shapes and sizes.
- Prices start at around $1 to very expensive.
- A $10 Flash Drive contains ample space for most users.
- Shopping in person for this item can sometimes result in a more personalized touch.

Great for: techies, adults, youths, busy people
Novelty Phone Covers ($3 - $80)

- Lower end phone covers are easy to find.
- Allows you to select a color or design that suits the person you are buying for.
- Know the phone the person has or they will probably have to return it.
- Young people seem to love ridiculous phone covers and change them frequently.

**Great for:** Youths, the humorous, phone lovers
Stylus ($3 – $20)

- Many older people prefer a stylus for their tablet or phone once they try it.
- Some companies will customize a stylus with someone’s name or other information.

Great for: older people

$6 Amazon Basics Executive Stylus
Under $50
Cliplight 111112 ($12)

Powerful LED light that clips easily onto clothing

Great for: craftsman, outdoorsy people, skilled tradesmen
Lifestraw
Personal Water Filter ($20)

- Filters water when used as a straw.
- Filters up to 1000 liters of contaminated water WITHOUT iodine, chlorine, or other chemicals.

Great for:
campers, hunters, survivalists, zombie apocalypse survivors
Roku 3500R Streaming Stick ($47)

• Entry level streaming media device.
• Connect to online services like Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon.
• Requires a TV with an HDMI port- if it’s a flat screen, it will probably work.
• Requires a WIFI Connection.

Great for: techies, media lovers, movie buffs, families
Beats by Dr. Dre in Ear Headphones ($49.99)

- Considered very fashionable and trendy.
- High quality sound.
- Fantastic presentation.
- Sound canceling.
- Real attention to detail.
- Young people will know what it is and what it cost.

**Great for:** teens, music lovers, people who want quiet
4M Hover Racer Science Kit ($15)

- Science kit that helps kids understand the principles behind hovercraft.
- Well reviewed.

Great for: families, youths
Otterbox Phone Case ($20 - $50)

- Very durable and rugged.
- Suited for people who are very rough on their phones.
- Phones come out of these two years later looking new.
- Bulky, so not everyone likes them.

Great for:
laborers, tradesmen, outdoorsy people, youths
AVAWO Universal Flexible Tripod ($15)

- Small tripod that fits many devices and phones.
- Great for people that like taking pics with their phone or tablet.
- Well reviewed.

Great for:
photography lovers, hobbyists, families
Chromecast ($35)

- A strange little device that allows you to stream content to your TV from your phone or computer.
- Mixed reviews, but it's an interesting item techies are curious about.

**Great for:** techies, adults, phone lovers, people who like to “share”
KnoxLabs
Knox V2 VR Viewer ($24)

• Build-it-yourself Virtual Reality headset.
• Cardboard based.
• Works with most smart phones.
• Kids and adults enjoy it.
• A great intro to VR which might get HUGE in the coming years.

Great for: techies, adults, youths, futurists, families
**Kindle Fire**
($50)

- Recent price break
- Best tablet for $50
- Remember it’s a sales platform.

**Great for:** techies, adults, busy people, readers, Amazon lovers
PROTAG Duet Bluetooth Tracker ($30)

Tracker sends location information to your smart phone.
Works great on keychains, purses, or anything else you frequently carry with you.
Great for that forgetful person.

Great for: the forgetful, adults, youths, busy people
Diamond VC500 USB 2.0 One Touch Video Capture Device ($33.99)

- Adaptors and software to move your VHS home movies to DVD.
- Requires a VCR and computer.
- Great for people that continually claim to want to do it 😊

Great for: techies, adults, older people, those with home movies
Battery Powered Portable Charger ($19.99 - $59.99)

- Offers a way to charge your phone or tablet when there’s no outlet nearby.

Great for: travelers, families on the go, youths
Wireless Keyboard and Mouse Combo ($20 - $35)

- Gets rid of wires.
- Battery life has gotten much better over the last decade.
- Cost has come down.

Great for: techies, adults, youths, avid computer users
Gift Cards ($20-$50)

- Walmart: Everyone
- Best Buy: Media and tech lovers
- Steam: Computer Gamers

Great for:
Everyone!
Under $100
Kindle Fire Kids Edition ($99)

- 2 year no questions asked replacement
- Special interface for kids
- Durable bumper case

Great for: kids, families

If they break it, we’ll replace it. No questions asked.
Fitbit Flex
Wireless
Activity + Sleep
Wristband
($90)

- Tracks your daily activity level.
- Tracks the quality of your sleep.
- Uploads this information to your phone.
- People of all ages seem to really like these.

**Great for:** techies, adults, older people, the fitness minded
Logitech G502 Proteus Core Tunable Gaming Mouse ($77)

- Super-high-end gaming mouse with expandable sides and configurable buttons.
- Great for people who play lots of PC games.
- Great for people who spend a lot of time on computers.

**Great for:** techies, PC Gamers, computer hobbyists
Weight Gurus Bluetooth Smart Connected Body Fat Scale ($59.00)

- Measures weight, BMI, and more.
- Sends results to your smartphone for tracking.

**Great for:** adults, the fitness minded
Nest Protect Smoke Plus Carbon Monoxide ($90)

- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detector that wirelessly connects to a smartphone to deliver updates.
- Great for tech friendly families.
Samto 3D Printing Pen ($69.99)

- A more artistic approach to the 3D printing movement.
- Allows the user to “draw” in 3D.
- Rumor has it they are hard to use but fun!

Great for: Anyone with patience, the artistic, the crafty
Under $200
Roku 4
Streaming Media Player
(4400R) 4K UHD ($130)

- Most powerful ROKU streamer.
- Works with 4K TVs.
- Everyone loves their ROKUs – great gift for anyone that doesn’t have one.

**Great for:** techies, adults, media lovers, older model ROKU owners
Apple TV 32GB ($150)

- Similar to a ROKU but it offers some extra options for anyone that owns an iPhone or iPad.
- More limited in channel options than a ROKU.

Great for: Apple owners, media lovers
GoPro HERO ($120)

- Entry level GoPro.
- GoPro Cameras are used by people that want to record their viewpoint while doing an activity.
- Biking, hiking, skydiving are the films that get attention.
- Can also be used by people interested in filming while both of them are occupied.

**Great for:** techies, adults, youths, physically active people
Beats Solo2
Wired On-Ear Headphones
($130)

• Higher end version of the earlier mentioned Beats In-Ear set.
• Beats have brand recognition with audiophiles and people who enjoy fashion trends.

Great for:
Fashionistas, music lovers
Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 ($140)

- Fantastic little Android Tablet
- Direct competitor to iPad Mini

Great for: Android users, adults, families
Amazon Echo
($179)

- This is a table top device that listens for voice questions and answers them.
- What's the weather today?
- What's playing at the movies?
- Why am I talking to myself?

Great for: techies, adults, youths, families, futurists
BLUE Yeti Studio All-In-One Recording System for Vocals ($149)

- High-end microphone for audio recordings.
- Full software suite for sound editing.
- Great for aspiring singers.
- Great for people interested in starting a PodCast.

**Great for:** adults, youths, audiophiles
Intel Compute Stick Windows BOXSTCK1A3 2WFC ($115)

- Full computer on a stick!
- Plugs into any flat screen TV or monitor that has an HDMI port.
- Includes Windows 8.1 but can be upgraded to 10.
- Consider buying a wireless keyboard and mouse with this gift.

**Great for:** techies, futurists, and hard to buy for people
Under $500
Xbox One ($350)

- One of the three major next-gen video game systems.
- Prices fluctuate.

Great for: gamers, adults, youths, families
**PlayStation 4 ($350)**

- One of the three major next-gen video game systems.
- Prices fluctuate.

**Great for:** gamers, adults, youths, families
Nintendo Wii U ($300)

- One of the three major next-gen video game systems.
- Prices fluctuate.
- Most family oriented.

Great for: gamers, adults, youths, families
SanWay Smart
Self Balancing
Electric Scooter
Balance 2
Wheels
Unicycle
Hoverboard
($300)

- Like a mini-segway with no handle!

Great for:
fashionistas,
adults, youths,
families
iPad Mini ($230)

- Great for families
- Great for people that love their iPhone but want a larger screen for the web or apps.

Great for: adults, youths, families
iRobot Roomba 880 Vacuum Cleaning Robot For Pets and Allergies ($600)

- Automated robot vacuum cleaner.

**Great for:** adults, families, futurists, cats
Microsoft Surface Pro 3 ($800)

Fully-functional Windows PC in tablet form.
Great for executives or business people.
Wide array of accessories available.

Great for: executives, travelers, adults
4K TVs
($700+)

Highest resolution TV in wide release.
Prices vary greatly.

Great for: families, media lovers, futurists, gamers