

# 2013 GADGET GIFT GUIDE

**When it comes to technology and holiday shopping, my best advice is to choose something useful. Remember, just because you think something is cool, new or great doesn't mean it will be an appropriate gift. As usual, this season offers an endless number of gadgets to choose from. Here are a few useful picks to fit almost any user and budget.**

— Gregg Ellman, McClatchy-Tribune

## For the person always out of juice

Powerocks Super Magicstick 2800 is a great portable charging solution. With 2800mAh of power, you can charge just about any portable electronic gadget with a USB connection. The pocket-sized device measures just 3.5- by 1-inch round (it looks like a small flashlight) and has an LED indicator to view the status of your charge and the remaining capacity of the battery. It is available in many color choices and includes a velvet carrying bag.

**Details: \$39.99; [www.powerocksusa.com](http://www.powerocksusa.com)**



## For those always on the go

The Moshi Revolt Duo USB car charger has a pair of high-output USB ports and comes with a detachable Apple Lightning charge/sync cable for the latest iOS devices. It plugs into any car's 9V (cigarette lighter) outlet and gives full-speed charging of smartphones, tablets or any other device that charges via a USB cable.

**Details: \$45; [www.moshimonde.com](http://www.moshimonde.com)**



## For the student — or the rugged professional

PK Paris has a new USB 2.0 key ring flash drive built into a carabineer so it can be clipped or unclipped to most anything, including tunnel- equipped earlobes. The K'lip weighs just 0.529 ounces and is stainless steel, making it durable in any weather. The pin and spring have been company-tested to be opened up to 10,000 times.

**Details: 16GB, \$26.76; 32GB, \$40.22; [www.pkparis.com](http://www.pkparis.com)**



## For the music lover

The Minx Go is a portable wireless speaker good for any age in any room of the house. It's an amazing sounding desktop speaker, which uses Bluetooth to broadcast your audio from any Bluetooth-enabled device. The setup takes seconds; just press the power button once to turn it on and a second time to activate the Bluetooth setup. You can connect up to eight devices at once, and you'll get 18 hours of music before the speaker needs a charge or, if you leave it in one place all the time, just use the included power cord.

**Details: \$149, available in black or white; [www.cambridgeaudio.com](http://www.cambridgeaudio.com)**



## For the constant traveler

Go with one SmallHands or TwoHands with the Felix smartphone and tablet stands. The SmallHands (\$14.99) is a portable stand good for holding smartphones in horizontal or portrait positions. For bigger tablets, the TwoHands (\$24.99) will also hold them hands-free in both positions.

**Details: Available in six different colors; [www.felixbrand.com](http://www.felixbrand.com)**



## For the early adopter

There's going to be an iPad Air in almost every house this holiday season, and Kensington has the perfect accessory to go with it — the KeyCover (\$79.99). It's a hard shell cover built with a wireless Bluetooth backlit keyboard inside. The case can hold your iPad Air hands-free in both vertical or horizontal positions. A big brother model, the KeyCover Plus (\$99.99), lets you order and personalize your case in a choice of seven colors. With both models, if you order before Dec. 31 of this year, you'll get a promo code for a free SkinIt vinyl sticker covering.

**Details: [www.kensington.com](http://www.kensington.com)**



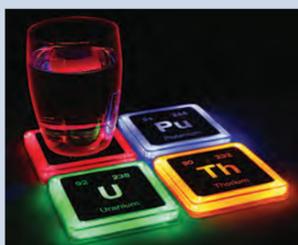
## For the former Boy Scout

The LifeLink is described as the world's thinnest smartphone cable, measuring 3.35-by-0.98-by-0.87 inches and weighing just 0.21 ounces. It's so portable you can just carry it in a wallet and is available in microUSB, Apple Lightning or 30-pin cable connections.

**Details: Preorder for \$14; [www.getlifelink.com](http://www.getlifelink.com)**



## For the perennial entertainer



The ThinkGeek Radioactive Elements Glowing Coasters are a set of four 3.75-inch squares; each glows in a different color (green, red, purple and yellow) when you place your drink on it. A small replaceable battery comes in each, good for about 4.5 hours of constant use.

**Details: \$19.99; [www.thinkgeek.com](http://www.thinkgeek.com)**

## For the outdoor partier

Soundcast Systems Melody wireless speaker produces simply amazing sound coming from a rugged 360-degree speaker. Inside are four full-range speakers for sound in any direction with a weather-resistant enclosure enabling it to operate indoors or outdoors. Connect your music via Bluetooth or plug it in with the auxiliary input port. The 9-pound speaker has a carrying handle and a high capacity lithium-ion battery that should give you about 20 hours of sound before a charge is needed.

**Details: \$449; [www.followmelody.com](http://www.followmelody.com)**



## For the oversharer

The MeCam is a wearable hands-free video camera that comes in 4GB (\$49.99), 8GB (\$59.99) and 16GB (\$69.99) capacities. It measures just short of 2-inches around and has built-in LED infrared technology, which enables it to be used in still or video modes in lowlight or daytime. All control buttons are on the side; the rechargeable battery is good for about 80 minutes of use; video is taken at 720p or still images at 5 megapixels.

**Details: Available in five colors; [www.mecam.me](http://www.mecam.me)**



## For someone with a friend — and a movie

Simple, cool, wireless and reasonably priced are how I would describe the HMDX Jam Fusion Bluetooth stereo headphones. What makes them unique is if you have a pair of them, you can connect them both to listen to the same music source wirelessly via Bluetooth. They have a built-in mic for hands-free calls and a rechargeable battery that lets the music play for six hours before a charge is needed.

**Details: \$89.99, available in black, purple, red and white; [www.hmdxaudio.com](http://www.hmdxaudio.com)**



## For the gadget guru who needs it all

Urban Xplorer's HalfPack RT messenger bag, which can also work as a backpack with attachable straps, is an attractive over the shoulder bag made with nylonUX ballistic fabric. It has a seemingly endless number of pockets, compartments, zippers and storage areas for more electronics gadgets and accessories than any tech head would need to carry. It's described perfectly by the company as "a classic bag that incorporates modern day functionality with vintage style."

**Details: \$198, available in bronze, black and burnt orange; [www.xplorerbrand.com](http://www.xplorerbrand.com)**

