



More Holiday Gift Ideas for the Techie

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BACK by popular demand...more tech toys! We received such positive responses to the first tech toys article that we decided to showcase even more toys! Here are some great gift ideas for you or your friends and family. These gadgets range from expensive to reasonable, from simple to cutting edge, and from practical to just plain fun. After reading, you may want to get something for yourself or maybe even something for your favorite ÜberGeek.

With the NHJ Wristwatch Television, you don't have to choose between missing the NFL half-time show and running to the store for more nachos. Do both! The 1.5" Active Matrix TFT color monitor has a 280 x 220 resolution. View channels 1-12 (VHF) or 13-62 (UHF) and listen to monaural sound with the antenna/earphones. The built-in rechargeable lithium-polymer battery and optional 4 AAA alkaline batteries provide up to 3 hours of viewing. Charge time is 1.5 hours.



Manufacturer: NHJ Limited—www.nhjapan.com
Model: Wearable TV VTV-101
Street price: \$200

Laks' Memory Music Watch lets you bring your music with you. The watch has a microphone for voice recording, an MP3 player, and between 32 to 512 MB of Flash Memory, depending on the model. The watch ships with ear bud headphones and an integrated USB cable. A built-in USB powered lithium battery recharges in 1.5 hours and provides up to 5 hours of play.



Manufacturer: Laks—www.laks.com
Model: Laks Memory Music Watch
Street price: \$200 for 256 MB

The Planisphere Watch has a mini planisphere on the dial. It shows which constellations are visible in the Northern Hemisphere between 35 and 50 degrees latitude. The watch has a rubber and steel band and a luminescent dial that glows for up to 3 hours.



Manufacturer: APM Telescopes—www.apm-telescopes.de
 Model: APM-Telescopes Planisphere Watch
 Street price: \$55

The Galilea Moon Phase Clock shows the time as well as the current lunar phase. The nine inch clock displays the daily evolution of the moon phases through its 29.5 day cycle. It runs on one AA battery.



Purchase at: scientificsonline.com
 Model: Galilea Moon Phase Clock
 Street price: \$69.96

The Meade 14" LX200GPS-SMT has a universe of features. It boasts 711x magnification, a 145,000-object onboard celestial software library, a 16-channel GPS, a built-in electronic compass that aligns the scope due north, and sensors that level the scope parallel to the ground.

Autostar software integrates the telescope and your computer. Clicking one of the 19,000,000 stars, nebulas, galaxies, star clusters, planets, asteroids, comets, Earth satellites, or deep space objects in the on-screen sky map causes the telescope to automatically locate that object.

The Lunar/Planetary Imager automatically takes multiple exposures and selects the best images. It aligns multiple images and combines them into one improved image. It also works as an autoguider for long exposure deep space photography with a 35mm camera.



Manufacturer: Meade—www.meade.com
 Model: 14" f/10 LX200GPS-SMT
 Street price: \$4,995

Call it lazy or efficient. Either way, Friendly Robotics' RoboMower® RL1000 is sure to earn you lots of lazy summer days. The battery powered robotic mower can be programmed to automatically mow the lawn on a weekly schedule, then return to its docking station for recharging. Buried electronic guide wires let the mower know the yard boundaries. The RoboMower can handle lawns up to 16,000 sq ft. The mower cuts up to 6,000 sq ft or 4 hours per charge. Recharge time is 24 hours.



Manufacturer: Friendly Robotics—www.friendlyrobotics.com
 Model: RL1000 RoboMower Mower and Docking Station
 Street price: \$1,800

The Roomba Discovery SE saves you from one of the many drudgeries of life... vacuuming. The robotic vacuum cleaner fits under couches and other places regular vacuums can't. It provides up to 2 hours of cleaning per charge, then automatically returns to the Self-Charging Home Base for a 3 hour recharge. The Roomba cleans rooms up to 1000 sq ft and won't fall down the stairs. Photo courtesy of iRobot.



Manufacturer: iRobot—www.irobot.com
 Model: Roomba Discovery SE
 Street: \$269

Kikkerland collectible wind-ups are fun for adults and kids. The crazy spastic gyrations of these stainless steel critters with PVC feet will drive the cat crazy. The toys range in size from 2.5 inches to 9 inches.



Manufacturer: Kikkerland—www.kikkerland.com
 Model: Oahaca, AWIKA!, CosmoJetz, Critter, Katita, and Cranky.
 Street price: \$10 - \$12

Seagate developed the first one-inch hard disc drive with a capacity of 5GB. The micro drive has a compact flash form factor, making it ideal for consumer electronics like mobile juke boxes, cameras, and camcorders.



Manufacturer: Seagate
 Model: ST1
 MSRP (est.): \$300

What list of geek-chic could be complete without the propeller beany? Go for the traditional look with a multi-colored, 6 panel, ball cap sans the visor. Or let your inner demon out with the hacker skull cap with scary skull embroidery. Either way, you're sure to be noticed.



Manufacturer: Interstellar Propeller—www.propellerheadhats
 Model: The Original Brimless Beany Cap
 MSRP: \$12

Manufacturer: Geek Culture—www.geekculture.com
 Model: HacKer HaT!
 MSRP: \$13.95 without propeller, \$24.95 with propeller

Atari is back just in time for Christmas! Wear your thunbprints off by playing games like Air Sea Battle™, Asteroids®, Battlezone®, Breakout®, Centipede®, Food Fight™, Warlords®, Yar's Revenge, and 12 others. Twenty years after the first Atari 7800™, the Flashback resembles a miniature 7800™ console with two joysticks and 20 built-in games. Plug the console directly into the TV to enjoy the fifteen Atari 2600™ standards and five Atari 7800™ favorites.

Atari also released a single anthology disk for the Xbox and PlayStation 2 that contains 85 games, the largest collection of classic Atari games ever. The reissue includes nostalgic treats like Missile

Command®, Super Breakout®, Tempest®, Bowling, Combat™, Golf, Night Driver™, Outlaw™, Sky Diver™, Steeplechase™, and Video Pinball™. The Atari Anthology offers new features like a psychedelic colored Trippy Mode as well as Time Warp, Double Speed, and Challenge modes.



Manufacturer: Atari—www.atari.com.
 Model: Atari Anthology
 MSRP: \$20.
 Model: Atari Flashback
 MSRP: \$49.95

View a single picture of your kids or a slideshow of your entire wedding album with the Pacific Digital MemoryFrame™ 8"x10 wireless picture frame. The built-in 32 MB RAM and 20 MB flash memory lets the MemoryFrame hold up to 80 pictures. Images can be uploaded over 802.11b or use USB to download images directly from your camera. The 10.4" 800x600 resolution Active Matrix TFT screen ships with a changeable 8x10 wood picture frame that can be replaced with most standard 8x10 frames to match your home or office décor. A voice message or music clip can be attached to each picture and played over the stereo speakers.



Manufacturer: Pacific Digital – www.pacificdigital.com
 Model: MF-810SW MemoryFrame™ 8x10 Wireless picture frame
 Street Price: \$480

The Wright Flyer Remote Control Plane commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, NC in 1903. The replica airplane is ready to fly right out of the box. It can fly up to 400 feet high and up to 1000 feet away for nearly six minutes on one charge. Each of the two rechargeable batteries recharges in about 3 minutes. The plane has a 15 1/2" Wingspan and is over a foot long.



Manufacturer: MegaTech - www.megatech.com
 Model: Wright Flyer Radio Control Airplane - MTC 7703
 Street Price: \$99

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