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1 :: UCORDER

★ (RETAIL PRICE: STARTS AT \$100)

■ You don't have to be a spy to use this wearable video camera and recorder, but it will do a solid job of capturing quick footage and audio for you. You can clip it onto your pocket or wear it with the included lanyard. You can even use it as a webcam when connected to your PC or Mac or as a small flashlight with a bright built-in LED light. The uCorder has 2GB of flash memory (there's a 1GB version, too), but you can expand on that with a microSD card up to 8GB. ucorder.com

2 :: ASUS O!PLAY MEDIA PLAYER

★ (RETAIL PRICE: \$110)

■ When you have tons of movies, TV shows, music and photos saved on a big external hard drive, and you want to watch them on a big HDTV, the O!Play is your ticket to make it happen. On one end, it connects to your TV, while the other connects to your router. You can also opt to connect an external hard drive to it as well, in case you're not hooked up to the Net. It plays plenty of different file types, including huge HD video files. There's also an O!Play with Wi-Fi functionality. canadacomputers.com and NCIX.com

3 :: O.R.B. EARPIECE FINGER RING

★ (RETAIL PRICE: STARTS AT \$129 U.S.)

■ Talk about clever and stylish in one sweet package. The O.R.B. (Orbital Ring Bluetooth) can be a ring on your finger one second, and a Bluetooth headset that works up to 30 feet away the next. If that's not enough, the ring will vibrate when a call comes in and the small e-ink screen (the deluxe model has a flexible OLED one) displays caller ID and text messages. hybratech.com/orb.php

4 :: SONOS ZONEPLAYER S5

★ (RETAIL PRICE: \$480)

■ At first glance, it's hard to believe this gadget can belt out serious ear-popping tunes. The compact 5-driver system packs in two tweeters, two mids and a built-in woofer. The kicker is that it's wireless, so you can control playback using an app on your iPhone, iPod touch, PC or Mac. The idea, of course, is so that you can stream your music collection from anywhere within the home, so the audio comes to you instead of the other way around. Sonos.com

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5 :: LENSBABY LENSES AND OPTICS

★ (RETAIL PRICE: STARTS AT \$35)

■ Canadian-made lenses and optics that are both funky and functional, they can create cool effects with each click of the shutter. A lot of these lenses and optics allow you to completely control what part of a photo can be in focus, while the rest of it is blurry. So, if you have a DSLR camera that can interchange lenses, then you're good to go with one of these babies. You should know that these things have no electronic parts, so you can only shoot in manual or aperture-priority mode. Lensbaby.ca

6 :: APPLE IPAD

★ (RETAIL PRICE: STARTS AT \$499 U.S.)

■ The iPad came with a lot of hype in front of it, and though not everyone is sold on what it ultimately is, it still is a pretty sweet device. At 0.5" thin, weighing in at 1.5 pounds and sporting a 9.7" multi-touch screen, the iPad is meant to play the role of Web browser, e-Book reader, photo and movie viewer, and a bunch of other things when you access applications in the App Store. There's no built-in webcam or GPS, but this thing is worth it for those who prefer a screen over paper. Apple.ca

7 :: AVERTV USB HD DVR

★ (RETAIL PRICE: \$200)

■ Plug this bad boy into your satellite or cable box and you can record whatever you want to your PC in 1080i high-definition resolution. You can even pull this off with footage from a video game console. If you have the need to convert VHS tapes to digital files, the AVerTV can also take care of that. The video is saved in H.264, which maintains picture quality at a smaller file size. The AVerTV lets you record your favourite shows and store them for later viewing with ease. AVerMedia.com

8 :: YADA YD-V16 REARVIEW MIRROR SPEAKERPHONE

★ (RETAIL PRICE: \$150)

■ Since the law, and general common sense, say that you should keep your hands free when yapping with others on the phone, this gizmo is a pretty cool way of doing it. It mounts onto your car's rearview mirror and connects to your phone via Bluetooth. From there, you can see who's calling when the ID flashes on the mirror. It can also store your contacts. Expect about 25 hours of talk time and almost a month of stand-by time, there's also an option for solar charging. Canadiantire.ca



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