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Fall is here, so it's time to get out there and enjoy the cool weather – and also kick that holiday shopping into high gear. Here are a few tech-oriented options that make great gets for yourself and gifts for others.

LENOVO SMART DISPLAY

Here's a cool way to make every day easier and your home smarter: the Lenovo Smart Display. Stylish and easy to use, this device will be there to help, inform or entertain anytime. Use it to streamline your tasks so you can spend more time on what matters most, like catching up with friends or having some quality "me time." The Lenovo Smart Display does more than typical smart speakers, thanks to a brilliant touchscreen, available in 8- or 10-inch options. You can do it all hands-free, using only your voice to ask your assistant questions and command it. You can check your morning commute or the weather and stream music, radio and YouTube videos. Use it to browse your Google Photos, video call friends and family, bring up a recipe and so much more. \$199.99–\$249.99, lenovo.com.

PHOTOSPRING DIGITAL PHOTO FRAME

A great way to effortlessly view your summer memories with your family and friends (and those yet to come) is with PhotoSpring, which is no ordinary digital photo frame. This one displays photos and videos as a frame, while also letting you browse through them like an album. The device automatically collects and displays your photos from different devices. Since PhotoSpring is always on, you can enjoy your images effortlessly, all throughout the day. You can also view memories as they happen, as photos and videos taken from your smartphone can be instantly displayed on your PhotoSpring or shared to other PhotoSpring frames, wherever they may be. \$159.95, photospring.com.

CAULDRYN BATTERY HEATED MUG

Those indelibly on-the-go will love Cauldryn. This heated, battery-powered mug keeps your coffee, tea, soup and other liquids at your selected temperature all day long, making each sip perfect. Pick any temperature from room temp to boiling, and Cauldryn precisely maintains it, thanks to its 10-hour battery life. Use the arrow buttons on the bottle to set your temperature or use the free phone app to control it from a distance. Cauldryn's modular design means the battery and heating element are removable for easy cleaning. \$129.99, cauldryn.com

TRAQ SMART SHOES

Here's some killer wearable technology for fitness-minded folks. TRAQ, Alegria's first smart shoes, have a built-in pedometer and a personalized app community. The designs are made for walking, working and leisure, simultaneously allowing you to accurately count every step, thanks to the smart Q-Chip embedded right in the shoe. Easily connect the integrated pedometer in the shoes to the accompanying Alegria TRAQ smartphone app to view your daily and monthly step activity. You can do everything in your daily routine while stepping out in intelligent, blissful comfort. Style-wise, the designs use supple leathers, vivid prints and supportive footbeds. Oh, and there's no need to charge these smart shoes – ever – for the lifetime of the shoes. Prices vary, traqshoes.com.

TOUCHPOINTS BASIC

Learning how to effectively deal with stress is important because, when untreated, it can undermine our physical and emotional health. Unfortunately, traditional methods of managing stress can require a significant financial and time investment. So finding a way to regulate it while you go about your normal day represents a profound shift in the way we all can live more productive lives. This is what TouchPoints offers, working as a holistic health partner for body and mind. TouchPoints are twin neuroscientific wearables designed to provide fast relief from stress. They are worn on the wrist, on each side of the body, preventatively or on-the-spot for 15 minutes before, during or after a stressful situation. The basic design offers the three most popular settings: sleep, calm and anger, and also has customizable faces. \$160, touchpointsolution.com.

VOCO PRO DRIFTER SYSTEM

If you're a karaoke entertaining enthusiast, singer/songwriter, DJ or band seeking a rechargeable and portable PA system (or know one that is), then the Drifter solution from audio leader VocoPro is a great choice! Its convertible design compresses line array speakers into a rechargeable, 120-watt, all-in-one karaoke and PA system. It features a four- to six-hour rechargeable battery, so the unit can be placed anywhere, either with or without an electrical outlet. It also has a multi-color LED light with on/off switch that dances to the beat of music. Users can enjoy hours of music entertainment from the unit's built-in USB MP3 player, FM and line inputs, while Bluetooth allows users to access thousands of karaoke songs on YouTube via any smartphone or tablet. \$399, vocopro.com.

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