

This holiday season, the choices in tech gifts and gadgets are plentiful. Here's a stocking full of some of the best we've tested:



iPod speakers

• www.ihomeaudio.com
• www.raindesigninc.com
(\$30- \$99)

Big sound comes in small packages with these little sets that your iPod Nano and Video slip right into or onto.



Hi-def monitor

www.gateway.com (\$499)

A gamer's delight, the new high-definition 21-inch wide-screen monitor from Gateway delivers a big, ultraclear picture at a budget price. It even rotates 90 degrees for vertical viewing, a nice option for special uses. The four onboard USB ports come in handy, too.



Laptop backpack

www.axio-usa.com (\$129)

There are backpacks and then there are *backpacks*. The Axio Fuse is a nearly crush-proof case that opens like a work of art. Strap one on and keep your goodies covered.

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King of all remotes

www.logitech.com (\$399)

Compatible with both Macs and PCs, this lifesaver gets rid of the clutter — control all of your electronic devices with this full-functioned universal remote. Coolest feature: just set up the Harmony 890 with your system and one push of the button “Watch a Movie” can turn on your TV, receiver, and DVD player. Very cool.



iPod Cases

• www.axio-usa.com
• www.zofunk.com
• www.thepodstar.com
(\$12 - \$49)

Keep those iPods nice and shiny out of the box with these great looking, durable covers. Pictured are the Thump Nano (Axio), Zozen (Zofunk), and the Diablo Spectrum (Podstar).



Ipod media center

www.griffintechology.com (\$99)

Watch all of the video and songs on your iPod via your TV set with this amazing, easy-to-hook-up interface.



PowerSquid

www.powersquid.net (\$79)

Don't you hate when you can't utilize all of your surge protector's outlets due to odd-shaped plugs? Problem solved with the new PowerSquid that neatly tucks behind your desk or entertainment center.



Headphones

www.sennheiserusa.com (\$49)

Great-sounding headphones don't have to carry a huge price tag, as proven by this incredibly rich, sleek set from Sennheiser.



Guitar Hero

www.redoctane.com (\$79)

A fretted guitar is the controller in the super-fun Guitar Hero II for the Ps2 as players shred their way through 55 new tracks. Play lead, rhythm, or bass lines and remember to draw the shades.



Digital video recorder

www.liteonamericas.com (\$299)

Who needs VHS tapes? Record to DVD or up to 200 hours on the HD-A740GX's internal 160gb hard drive with this versatile digital recorder.



Podcasting microphone

www.samsontech.com (\$129 - \$399)

You don't have a podcast yet? Samson makes it easy with plug-and-record USB mics like the C03U for both the Mac and PC. High-quality recordings are just a click away. And with the Zoom H4 Mobile Field Stereo Recorder, right, live musical performances, interviews, podcasts, meetings, classes, and seminars are easily captured in CD quality.

— Jake Jones