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Sony Action Cam

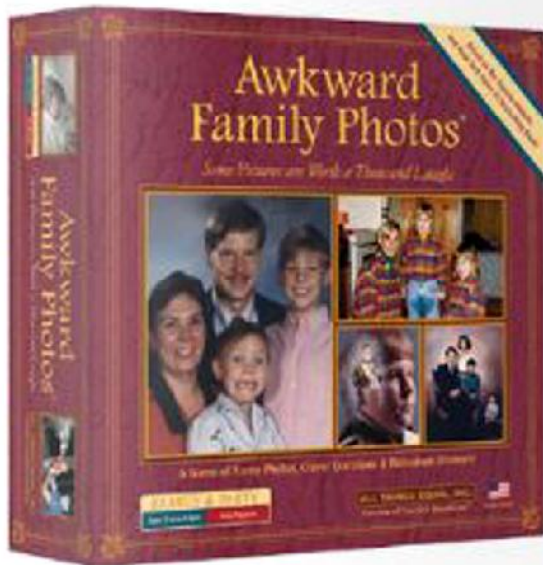
Anyone who's ever ruined a smartphone trying to document their extreme adventures will covet the Sony Action Cam, a tiny, lightweight video camera to capture all those freefalls, high climbs, and daring underwater dives. The Action Cam features Sony's signature SteadyShot image stabilization technology, Exmor R CMOS image sensor, and an ultra-wide angle Carl Zeiss Tessar lens. The AS15 model (about \$70 more than the base AS10 model) even offers Wi-Fi connectivity so you can upload and share your videos on the Web – right after you catch your breath. (\$199; store.sony.com)



Skora Running Shoes

Stay stylish while you sweat out your frustrations with Skora, the ultimate multipurpose running shoe. Two styles are available – FORM and BASE – with the latter featuring a stretch-mesh sockfit with an innovative adjustable X-strap system, elastic heel strap, reflective details and stitch-down construction with an Ortholite sockliner. Skora's are super lightweight – you won't even know you have them on – to encourage natural movement and performance. On the road, that is. You'll have to find another way to step up your game in boudoir. (\$110-\$185; skorarunning.com)





Awkward Family Photos

Based on the cringe-worthy-but-totally-relatable website of the same name, the Awkward Family Photos board game combines classic and never-before-seen photos with probing, make-you-squirm questions for a game night full of laughter and creative discussion. Definitely a better alternative than mom passing around those embarrassing, bare-ass baby pictures during dessert. (\$24.99; familyandpartygames.com)



Brookstone HDMI Pocket Projector

Turn any blank wall into an impromptu movie screening with the HDMI Pocket Projector from Brookstone. With more than two hours of battery life and built-in audio, mobile cinephiles can transform their Apple, Android, and Windows smartphones and tablets into a crisp, high-definition viewing experience that rivals that of your local multiplex. This micro Pocket Projector includes a three-foot HDMI cable, a Micro HDMI adapter and a Mini HDMI adapter, and projects an image with a 16:9 aspect ratio – which will make that annual viewing of *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* bigger and better than ever before. (\$299; brookstone.com)



Snuza Trio

As more and more of our LGBT friends bring babies home, we're left scrambling to find the perfect present for the adorable new parents. Bear in mind that the practical route is always the way to go in these situations – they do not need another fruit basket – which makes the Snuza Trio mobile baby monitor system the ideal gift for gay moms and dads. Snuza Trio includes the cordless Snuza Hero Mobile Baby Movement Monitor that clips directly to baby's diaper and activates an alarm if anything goes awry in the middle of the night; a night-vision camera that can be aimed into the crib and a built-in microphone to record sounds; and a lightweight, portable audio-video monitor with a 2.4-inch LCD screen that functions to a range of 450 feet from the camera and crib. The system also includes three lullaby tunes to help everyone in the family catch a few Zs before the 3 a.m. screaming begins... again. (\$299; snuza.info)

Moscot Eyewear

You'll need a pair of stylish shades to shield your eyes from snow blindness when you hit the slopes this winter, and Moscot is where it's at. Based on designs from the manufacturer's archives, the Originals Collection features a variety of vintage-inspired frames constructed of real glass lenses and traditional hardware, and come in an array of colors that hark back to decades past. The aviator-style Sechel, available in Straw with G-15 lenses, are fashion forward yet functional to protect your pupils from the harmful UV rays above and below. (\$225-\$255; moscot.com)



Gillette Fusion ProGlide Styler

Transform your moisturized mug into a well-groomed work of art with the Gillette Fusion ProGlide Styler, a three-in-one tool designed for men with a penchant for stylish facial hair. Whether you prefer a thin chinstrap, bushy muttons, or a simple goatee, the ProGlide Styler helps scruffy men master their put-together look with effortless maneuverability in and out of the shower. This gift-ready set includes the Power Trimmer fitted with Fusion ProGlide Power Blades, charging base, Microcomb, and a Precision Edging Blade. It's perfectly safe for staying svelte below the belt, too. (\$19.99; www.gillette.com)



PlayStation Vita

Avid gamers never have to stop playing their favorite titles thanks to the cross-platform Wi-Fi/3G connectivity of PlayStation Vita, the latest handheld innovation from Sony. What you start playing on your home-based PS3 console you can resume on Vita while you're out and about with this palm-sized device that fits perfectly in a jacket pocket or backpack. Vita supports a wide variety of games, including *Madden* and *Uncharted: Golden Abyss*, and games available on both PS3 and Vita only need to be purchased once to be played on both devices. Vita also offers GPS, video and music playback, and is compatible with apps from Netflix, Skype, Facebook, Twitter, and more. (\$240-\$299; us.playstation.com/psvita)





GrubKit

Veteran chefs and kitchen newbies alike will enjoy GrubKit, gourmet food kits that contain the precise amount of premeasured ingredients and an accompanying recipe to create not-so-common culinary delights any night of the week. Most of the current kits have an Asian flair (Mongolian Beef and Cashew Chicken, for instance) and you'll need to provide a few fresh items (eggs don't fare so well in the mail, it seems). There are also sweet kits for your friends who like to save room for dessert, which include a healthy banana muffin kit and a holiday cookie box with recipes for confections from around the world. (\$19-\$29; grubkit.com)



Keelan Rouge

Treat your beau to handcrafted accessories from Keelan Rouge – the eponymous label of an up-and-coming 26-year-old gay designer from Chicago – which features upcycled men's and women's wallets, cardholders, and flasks decked out with whimsical fabrics from vintage neckties, scarves, skirts, and other dapper designs. (\$26-\$58; keelanrouge.com)



Cuisinart Smart Stick

Preserve precious countertop real estate with the Cuisinart Smart Stick, the versatile hand blender that goes from pot to pitcher, bowl to beaker with ease. A powerful 200-watt motor spins into action with a simple one-touch control so home cooks can blend drinks, emulsify dressings, puree soups, and froth up festive hot chocolate without dirtying up many-piece bigger blenders that require more work than their worth. (\$40; buydig.com)

Pain D'Avignon Bread of the Month Club

Carb lovers will jump for joy every few weeks with Pain D'Avignon's Bread of the Month Club, which includes monthly deliveries of seasonally thoughtful baked goods and accompaniments, like white French boules and garlic-herb croutons in January and hot dog buns and house-made potato chips in July. Three- to 12-month subscriptions from the celebrated Massachusetts-based bakery are available. (\$150-\$500; paindavignon.com/botm).



Mango Passport

For those on your list planning a big trip abroad or who simply want to expand their horizons at home, Mango Passport makes it easy to learn a foreign language on multiple platforms, including a computer, MP3 player, and smartphone. Available in 16 languages and 12 ESLs, each Mango lesson incorporates interactive tools and rich imagery that eliminates boredom and keeps users engaged. Building a solid foundation on more than monotonous vocabulary memorization, Mango Passport – which includes three 'Journeys' for each language – teaches practical speaking skills and cultural insights while gradually instilling the confidence to start great conversations. Like with the pool boy. (\$176; mangolanguages.com)

