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# WHAT TO BUY THE TECH-HEAD IN YOUR LIFE

## 'Phablets'

Consumers may disagree whether or not bigger is better for smart phones, but the phone-as-tablet trend continues, with Apple's new iPhone 6 Plus the latest to join the fray. Here are four of the biggest. Note that prices require two-year contracts with a provider not included in these prices.



### iPhone 6 Plus

The 6 Plus features a 5.5-inch Retina HD touchscreen, an 8MP iSight camera with Focus Pixels, an A8 chip with 64-bit desktop-class architecture, and a Touch ID fingerprint identity sensor. Available in 16, 64, and 128 gigabyte configurations. (Best Buy, Sam's Club, \$299-\$499)



### Samsung Galaxy Note 4

The Note 4 packs a 5.7-inch Super AMOLED touchscreen with 1440 x 2560 resolution, a 16 MP rear-facing camera, a Qualcomm Snapdragon 2.7GHz quad-core processor, and a card slot for expandable storage up to 128GB. (Best Buy, Sam's Club, \$299)



### HTC One Max

The One Max Android includes a 5.9-inch HD touchscreen display, an HTC UltraPixel camera, a Qualcomm Snapdragon 600 1.7GHz quad-core processor, and 32 GB internal memory plus a microSD slot for up to 64 GB storage. (Best Buy, Sam's Club, \$249)



### Nokia Lumia 1520

The 1520 has a 6-inch touchscreen with 1920 x 1080 resolution, a 20.0 MP rear-facing camera, a Qualcomm Snapdragon 800 2.3GHz dual-core processor, and accepts memory cards up to 64GB. (Best Buy, Sam's Club, \$199)

With so many new and improved gadgets, products, and devices filling store shelves, gifts for techno-junkies often make for the most difficult holiday purchases. Here's a list of 10 tech gift ideas in a wide assortment of prices and devices to make holiday shopping for gadget hounds a bit easier.

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### Pebble Smart Watch

With the pricey Apple Watch not available until 2015, the Pebble smart watch is a low-cost smart watch alternative. The timepiece connects with iOS and Android smart phones, displays email, SMS, and Caller ID, controls popular music apps, and features a variety of watchfaces. (Target, \$99)



### Goji Smart Lock

This electronic deadbolt bypasses the need for keys and provides home-access control and information through a smart phone, and its built-in camera texts and emails homeowners a photo alert of who is using the lock. It also sends a comforting notice to homeowners telling them the lock is activated. (gojiaccess.com, \$278)



### Impossible Instant Lab Photo Printer

"Shake it like a Polaroid picture" once again. Through an easy-to-use app, transform a lifeless digital photo collection on your iPhone into instant analog photos with this printer. OutKast approved. (urbanoutfitters.com, \$299)



### LG 55EC9300

Plasma is essentially dead, and with it what many considered the top picture format for HDTVs. The 1080p OLED LG 55EC9300 will make you forget what you're missing. This curved, 55", smart and 3D TV is simply stunning, and comes with the standard four HDMI and one USB port. It's pricey, yes, but your eyes will love you for it. (Appliance Center in Maumee, Sears, from \$2,799 to \$3,499)



### VIZIO E0i-B series

VIZIO made its name with budget-priced TVs, but reviews suggest the California-based company's 2014 line of LEDs also rival more-expensive TVs in terms of picture quality. The E series are all smart TVs with built-in Wi-Fi and range in size from 23 to 70 inches. (Best Buy, \$179 to \$1,199)



### DJI Phantom Aerial UAV Drone Quadcopter for GoPro:

Stalk your neighborhood from the sky or take some incredible aerial footage for a film project, the DJI Phantom Aerial UAV Drone Quadcopter for GoPro — GoPro Camera sold separately — offers you military-grade surveillance at 22 mph and up to 15-minute flight times on a single charge. (Amazon.com, \$479)