

Life tech



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Our **top 5** picks

1 Energenie Power Socket

This plug socket speaks to your mobile phone via text message to control home devices from anywhere in the world. Turn tech on and off remotely or, with an adaptor, monitor the temperature in your home.

£129; www.energenie4u.co.uk



Fitbit Aria Wi-Fi Smart Scale



Keeping an accurate history of weight loss with bathroom scales can be hard with a selective memory. The Fitbit Aria talks to your Wi-Fi network and uploads your weight and the time of day to your computer, so there's no chance of cheating.

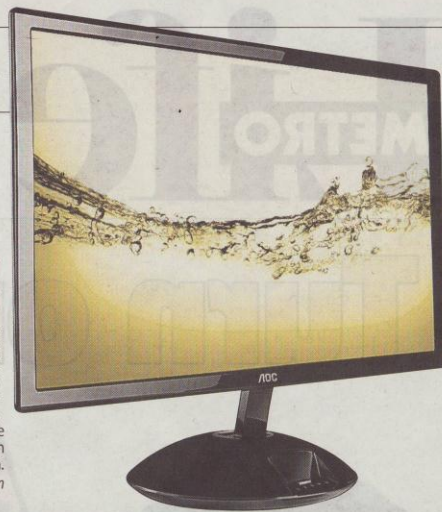
£99; www.fitbit.com

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2 AOC E2343Fi iPhone Monitor

An iPhone dock with a difference, the AOC flings your content up on to a 23in LED-backlit LCD screen. Movies, apps and games are enlarged by 37 times on a screen with 1080p HD resolution.

£249; www.aoc-europe.com



SMARTER PHONES

Syncing Android devices with Google Chrome is a powerful time-saving tag team

Take the web everywhere
Sign into Chrome on your PC and save all of your bookmarks, most-visited sites and passwords. When you sign in on your mobile, they'll be ready and waiting.

Savvy shopping
The InvisibleHand app on Chrome alerts you to shops selling the same item for less. Or download a barcode

scanner on your phone and check prices while out on the high street.



Organise your life
Need a food shopping reminder? A 'to do' list for work? Want to save a web link? There are Android apps available for all. Try virtual Post It notes, Do It Tomorrow for forward-planning and Evernote (pictured) for saving web snippets.

Saving memories
As a free photo editor and organiser, Picasa is just about the best around.

G Connect

The G Connect is a wireless 500GB hard drive that gives your mobile devices or laptop on-the-go access to your saved movies, music, books and documents – essentially a personal cloud. Files can be backed-up over your Wi-Fi network too.

£149; www.g-technology.com

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The retail recruitment website

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5 EchoStar Ultra Slim Freeview HD Box

With the digital switchover upon us, an upgrade to Freeview HD is on the cards. This is the slimmest high-definition box available and turns your existing screen into a new-generation 'connected TV' by offering smart content through Wi-Fi.

£269; www.echostar.com



GADGET GIRL Festival gadgets

with Victoria Ruffly

TentFinder

Uses the latest GPS technology to store the location of your tent and guide you back to that position every night, thus avoiding an embarrassing case of 'mistaken identity'.

£0.69; Apple app store

Stack-Cups

Say goodbye to multiple trips to the bar and carry your beers through the crowd with ease thanks to the unique spiral stacking system.

£12.99 firebox.com



The Booster Brolly

Being trailed at this weekend's Isle of Wight Festival, this all-in-one brolly from Vodafone features solar panels that power a built-in phone charger, while a micro antenna boosts your 3G signal. If you're going, see if you can spot one of the prototypes.



Eton Scorpion

This rugged Swiss Army knife for your mobile is a charger, torch and radio powered using a handle, or solar panel. It's also a bottle-opener and carabiner.

£49.99; amazon.com

