



Welcome to the 2020 Rapid Reviews Gift Guide

All of the products featured in this guide have been reviewed, tested, or chosen by members of the Rapid Reviews UK team. If it's in this guide, you can be sure that it's a great product that should demand your attention. We are going to feature everything from ugly Christmas jumpers, to pillows that you can personalise. We hope that you enjoy it as much as we've enjoyed putting it together. Thanks again for all of your support this year. Merry Christmas from all at RRUUK.



Charging Solutions

1. Anker PowerCore III 10K Wireless



The Anker PowerCore III 10K Wireless is one of the most used products at Rapid Reviews HQ. What I love about this product is that you can use it to wirelessly charge a device, while it's recharging. You can also charge up to three different devices at the same time. It has USB-C and USB-A ports and will keep devices charged for a full day. It also has a cute little stand that you rest your phone on.

https://www.anker.com/uk/products/variant/powercore-iii-10k-wireless/A1617011?utm_source=google&utm_medium=shopping&utm_content=A1617011

2. Anker Docking Station, PowerExpand Elite 13-in-1 Thunderbolt 3 Dock

What do you give the person who has everything? The answer is this beast. No matter what devices you have, this docking station will have the port and the power you need.



<https://www.anker.com/uk/products/variant/anker-docking-station,-powerexpand-elite-13in1-thunderbolt-3-dock/A8396241>

3. Anker Nano



If you're lucky enough to get an iPhone for Christmas this year, then you won't get a charger in the box. No worries though, Anker has the solution with the Anker Nano. It's a tiny wall charger that will charge your new shiny iPhone up to three times faster than the standard Apple charger.

<https://uk.anker.com/products/anker-nano>

Family Gaming Fun

1. Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit



Kart Live: Home Circuit has been a huge hit with the Mini Rapid Reviewers at HQ. What's not to love? This Mario themed go-karting game is so much fun. The magic is in the four gates that the camera built into the Kart can recognise. Spend hours of fun setting up your own tracks, getting as creative as you want to, using everyday household items. You can then customise each gate so that you see different characters and obstacles from the Mario world. You can even race against Koopalings

in the eight Grand Prix cups!

<https://store.nintendo.co.uk/nintendo-switch-game/mario-kart-live-home-circuit-mario-set/12690775.html>

2. Oculus Quest 2

How do you improve the amazing Virtual Reality experience that the Oculus Quest provided? Well, quite simply, you make the Oculus Quest 2. It's lighter, faster, has more storage, the 3D positional audio is much better and perhaps most importantly, has a



higher resolution display so games look incredibly detailed. For £299, you're getting arguably the best VR experience currently available. No leads, no hassle. Just remember one thing, you'll need a Facebook Account to set it up.

<https://www.oculus.com/quest-2/>

Smart Phones

1. Google Pixel 4a



The Google Pixel 4a is an excellent phone for a very reasonable price. For £349 you're getting a phone that does pretty much everything you need it to. It doesn't have the best specs, although apart from some lag in power-hungry games like Call of Duty Mobile it performed well. Furthermore, other than a small splash of colour on the power button, it looks pretty understated. What I will say though is that the build quality is excellent, and when you get it in your hand, it feels nice and light. On the plus side, what it does have going for it are surprisingly good cameras, especially the Night Sight mode, which takes impressive nighttime shots, a battery that will get you through your day, and fast charging. It also features a lightning-quick rear fingerprint sensor. Furthermore, it has the purest version of Android 11 you will find. A huge thanks for Vodafone for sending the Pixel 4a. You can find out more about it on the Vodafone website below.

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/phones/pay-monthly-contracts/google/pixel-4a>

2. OnePlus Nord

We reviewed the OnePlus Nord, which you can read [here](#). For £379, you get a lot of features found in many flagship phones. A reasonable fast processor with up to 12GB of RAM. Four great cameras on the back, and two on the front. It even has a 90 Hz AMOLED display.



<https://www.oneplus.com/uk/nord>

3. VIVO X51 5G



You may not have heard of VIVO, but that could change in 2021. The VIVO X51 5G is a stunning phone, with a curved glass 90 HZ screen, good battery life, a fast processor, and 5 great cameras. To top it all off, it is 5G enabled. It's quite pricey, but if taking great photos, and brilliant video, then this phone could be for you.

<https://www.vivo.com/uk/products/x51>

Smartwatches/Fitness trackers

1. Huawei GT 2 Pro



We reviewed both the Huawei GT 2 and the Huawei GT 2E earlier in the year, and you can read our reviews [here](#). The GT 2 Pro takes everything that was great about the GT and puts it into an upgraded, and more refined case, a titanium case no less. It also has a sapphire watch dial. The watch really is well designed and you can see and feel the quality of the materials. Standout features include a two-week battery life, which I can vouch for, and a range of accurate sensors including SpO2 and heart rate. As well as being a stunning looking watch, the GT 2 Pro features a raft of sports and fitness features. There are over 100 workout modes, with some detected automatically. Oh, and if you know someone who is a golf player, it has a golf stroke mode.

<https://consumer.huawei.com/uk/wearables/watch-gt2-pro/buy/>

2. Garmin Forerunner 45

We've also had the opportunity to review the Garmin Forerunner 45, which you can read about [here](#). This running watch is lightweight and sleek, never feeling uncomfortable around the wrist, yet is noticeably sturdy too. Being able to connect your watch to the Garmin mobile app unlocks a world of fitness, while also being able to track your health via a wrist sensor. How is your heart rate looking and how much sleep are you getting? This is perfect for those into gadgets and serious about fitness; with a seven-day battery life and smart notifications, it's a great companion for day to day life.



<https://buy.garmin.com/en-GB/GB/p/641121/pn/010-02156-15>

3. HONOR Watch ES



Another great fitness watch we reviewed earlier in the year was the HONOR Watch ES, you can read our review [here](#). The standout feature of this watch is the onscreen animated fitness courses. This mode displays an animated “coach” on the screen, who demonstrates each aspect of the workout.

<https://www.hihonor.com/global/products/wearables/honor-watch-es/>

Headphones and Earbuds

1. Soundcore Life Q30 Active Noise Cancelling Headphones



Soundcore are known for offering high quality products at an affordable price, and the Life Q30 headphones continue the trend. Firstly, they look and feel the part. I've used these headphones every day for the past couple of months and can testify that they're very comfortable. Battery life is brilliant, I've only had to charge these once a week. The highlight though is the Active Noise Cancellation (ANC for short). There are three modes; noise cancellation, transparency mode, and normal. You can even tailor the headphones to your taste even more in noise cancellation within indoor, outdoor and transport modes. Transparency mode is great as it allows in ambient sounds so that you can be more aware of your surroundings. Perfect if you're going to be

wearing them in a busy town or city. You can even add a widget to your iPhone to change the settings quickly. Lastly, the headphones can be paired to an Android phone very quickly using NFC.

https://www.soundcore.com/uk/products/variant/life-q30/A3028011?utm_source=google&utm_medium=search&utm_content=brandonly_pc&utm_campaign=uk_soundcore_ost&utm_term=8832531014_&gclid=CjwKCAiA5iL-BRAzEiwA0lcWYrIvIXhORVKJmYOq8U11Hrpg4EEZN_96kam_I5v2MP4Ucx0NLzQAKRoCzlgQAvD_BwE

2. RHA True Connect 2

Scottish-based audio team RHA has created another set of excellent wireless earbuds. They come with lots of different ear tips so you'll definitely find one that is comfortable for you. They also sound great and offer good 9 hour battery life. When the charging case is full, you'll get around a further 35 in the charging case. These earbuds are water and sweat proof so would be good for working out with. Touch controls make them easy to use, and they are compatible with all AI assistants. Furthermore, the microphones are excellent so answering a call is no issue.



<https://www.rha-audio.com/headphones/wireless/trueconnect-2>

3. Audeze Mobius Headphones



If you're looking for a set of premium headphones, then the Audeze Mobius Headphones could be for you. You get a good ten-hour battery life, sound quality is fantastic, and they're great for listening to music and even better for playing games. This is because they have a unique 3D audio feature that tracks the position of your head and changes the direction of the sound. It is brilliant, and when wearing them to play a game, you feel very immersed in the action as it feels like the audio is all around you.

<https://www.audeze.com/products/mobius>

Laptops

1. ACER Nitro 5 AN515-54 15.6" Gaming Laptop



Want a gaming laptop without breaking the bank? Then the ACER Nitro 5 could be for you. It has a full HD display, Intel Core i5-9300H Processor, 8 GB DDR4 RAM, and an NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1650 graphics card. These specs will allow you to play pretty much all new titles, maybe not at top graphical quality, but certainly at medium. It also has NitroSense which keeps your laptop cool when enjoying intense gaming. Design wise, it looks great in red and black, and the screen is surrounded by a narrow bezel.

<https://store.acer.com/en-gb/acer-nitro-5-gaming-laptop-an515-44-black>

2. HONOR MagicBook 15

We had the pleasure of reviewing the HONOR MagicBook 15 in October 2020, and we were very impressed with how it looked and performed. If you're interested, you can read that review [here](#). It's a gorgeous looking laptop with a nice big screen. Other standout features include a fingerprint scanner, USB-C charging, and a pop-up webcam built into the keyboard. It's also powerful enough to get through all daily tasks, and some lower end gaming, all for less than £700.



<https://www.hihonor.com/unitedkingdom/product/honor-magicbook-15>

Gaming Gear

1. Hyperkin X91 Wired Controller For Xbox Series X/ Xbox Series S/ Xbox One/ Windows 10 PC



The X91 is an officially licensed product for Xbox One, that is compatible with all Xbox One systems, as well as Windows 10. The build quality is excellent, and I like the retro look of the controller. It looks similar to something that I would have used in the 90s.

<https://www.hyperkin.com/x91-wired-controller-for-xbox-one-windows-10-pc-red-hyperkin.html>

2. Steelseries Arctis 1 Wireless Gaming Headset

Although released with a focus on the Xbox One X, the Arctis 1 Wireless headset is compatible with the Series X|S. Furthermore, the headset can be used with your Nintendo Switch, Android phone and PC by using the USB-C dongle that is included. You know what you're getting with Steelseries products, great build quality, and excellent sound quality. The microphone offers crystal clear audio as well so you can speak to your friends with no issues at all.



<https://steelseries.com/gaming-headsets/arctis-1-wireless-xbox>



3. PowerA MOGA XP5-X Plus Bluetooth Controller

Perfect for gaming on the go, the PowerA MOGA XP5-X Plus is a Bluetooth Controller that you can use to play cloud based gaming services. Furthermore, it has an integrated power bar that will keep your phone going throughout your gaming time. The controller is very well made, and in my testing, I experienced no input lag. The clip for your phone is versatile, and will accommodate all phones.

<https://www.powera.com/product/moga-xp5-x-plus-bluetooth-controller-for-mobile-cloud-gaming/>

Christmas Jumpers



1. Back To The Future OUTATIME Men's Christmas Sweatshirt

Great Scott! Zavvi brings a time-travelling take to the Christmas jumper market with their Back to the Future 'outatime' design. Hoverboards and Deloreans aren't usually associated with the Christmas season but they come together to produce a surprisingly festive design! Instead of being knitted, the design is embossed on top of a typical black sweatshirt. This jumper is one I wear every Christmas!

<https://www.zavvi.com/clothing/back-to-the-future-outatime-men-s-christmas-sweatshirt-black/11627433.html>

2. The Mandalorian The Child Numskull Designs Ugly Sweater

It seems unfair to market this as an ugly sweater because Mandalorian's "Child" has never been described as ugly. Nevertheless, this jumper looks fantastic with its helmet trim and adorable central figure. With the product being 100% knitted, this the way!



<http://www.numskull.com/official-star-wars-the-mandalorian-the-child-baby-yoda-christmas-jumper-ugly-sweater/>

3. Official Fall Guys Christmas Jumper



Fall Guys has taken the gaming world by storm and the availability of this colourful jumper proves no exception to the game's appeal. This official product from Mediatonic and Numskull designs is certainly worth your crowns and kudos!

<https://www.geekstore.com/collections/jumpers/products/official-fall-guys-xmas-jumper>

4. Official Elf Christmas Jumper / Ugly Sweater

It's SANTA!! Numskull have combined two of the best things about the festive season, ugly Christmas jumpers, and Elf. This jumper is as garish and loud as you could hope for, and I can't wait to wear it on Christmas Day.



<http://www.numskull.com/official-elf-christmas-jumper-ugly-sweater/>

Gaming themed Christmas trinkets

1. Destiny Bauble Heads



Though unfortunately [this set](#) one of the writers bought has been discontinued, Numskull still has you covered with some Destiny themed baubles! The Destiny Bauble Heads come in three designs, sold separately: Cayde-6, The Drifter and The Stranger. These round-headed fellows bring some geekiness to your Christmas tree and are made to be collected. There are also other pop culture themed decorations in the Bauble Head series, featuring the likes of Sonic the Hedgehog, Baby Yoda and more! Who says you can't be festive and nerdy?

<http://www.numskull.com/bauble-heads-destiny-cayde-6-christmas-decoration-ornament/>

<http://www.numskull.com/bauble-heads-destiny-the-stranger-christmas-decoration-ornament/>

<http://www.numskull.com/bauble-heads-destiny-the-drifter-christmas-decoration-ornament/>

Something a bit different

1. Brighttr® Stella Adjustable



You might be asking yourself why a pillow features in this gift guide? Well, it's because this pillow is a gadget, sort of. The innovative part of this pillow is that you can remove a layer, to adjust it to your taste and comfort. For me, I like quite a high, bouncy pillow, so I opted to have all three layers. I'm quite picky when it comes to pillows, and I usually end up trying out two or three together. However, since using the Brighttr pillow, with all three layers inside, I haven't needed to use an extra pillow. I've also found that I've had long, uninterrupted nights of sleep since using it. My only issue with the pillow is that it does lose its "plumpness" quite quickly. However, a quick spin in the tumble dryer returns it to its normal fullness. I would recommend the Brighttr Sleep Stella Adjustable pillow to anyone who finds choosing a pillow a difficult task.

<https://www.brightrsleep.com/products/brighttr%C2%AE-sleep-stella-adjustable-pillow>