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We get it! Holiday shopping is hard. It's not just about finding a deal, it's about finding a gift that someone will love. That's where we can help.

Our experts believe there's no such thing as a good deal on a bad product. That's why we spend all year testing products in our labs—so you don't have to.

Consider this guide our gift to you, the smart shopper. Happy holidays!

- The Reviewed.com team

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Best TV Under \$500

Vizio E Series 43" & 50"

Vizio's E Series is a great choice for cash-strapped buyers who want a taste of what the best TVs can do. The 43- and 50-inch Vizio E Series offers excellent all-around picture quality and 4K.

Where to buy:
[Best Buy \\$469.99](#)



Best Media Streamer

Roku Ultra (2017)

This Roku is easy to set up, easy to use, it can access all the most popular streaming services, and it has the best remote—by far—with a built-in headphone jack so you can listen to your shows wirelessly.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$99.00](#)

TVs & HOME THEATER

Best TV

LG C7 OLED

There are other TVs that are just as impressive, but the C7 is the best combination of size, performance, price, and features of anything we saw this year.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$1,696.99](#)



Best TV for the Money

TCL 55P607

We test dozens of amazing TVs every year, but the one that got us talking the most may have been the TCL P Series. The TCL P Series has one incredible feature other TVs couldn't touch: the price.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$649.99](#)





Best for the Money
New Dell Inspiron 13 7000
 Available in a huge range of configurations (like the XPS), the Inspiron 13 7000 offers fast processors, a premium design, and a very attractive starting price.



Best for Students
Asus Chromebook Flip

Sleek, compact, and with an aluminum frame that is both handsome and durable, the Asus Chromebook Flip is hands-down the best Chromebook we've tested. And with Chromebooks now able to run Android apps, there's no limit to what these machines can do.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$429.99](#)

LAPTOPS

Best Laptop

Dell XPS 13 (2017)
 The XPS 13 offers a wide range of options and price points. Though the sub-\$800 entry-level model is a little slow, you can upgrade with faster processors, more storage, more RAM, a 2-in-1 hinge, a touchscreen—pretty much anything you want. For pretty much any buyer, the XPS 13 has something to offer.

Where to buy:
[Best Buy \\$1,399.99](#)



Best Laptop Under \$500
Acer Aspire E 15

Though it only ships with 4GB of RAM, it's easily upgradeable and even has a DVD burner—something you just don't find on many laptops. If you need something faster you can upgrade to a model just over \$500 that includes a GPU, but for buyers who don't need much, the Acer Aspire E 15 overdelivers

Where to buy:
[Amazon Click for Price](#)

Best 2-in-1 Laptop
HP Spectre x360

The HP Spectre x360 isn't just one of the best 2-in-1 laptops we've ever used, it might be the best-looking laptop ever. Sleek, fast, lightweight, with a phenomenal keyboard, and a great touchscreen, the Spectre x360 has a lot going for it.

Where to buy:
[Amazon Click for Price](#)



Best Plugs

iDevices Switch

On top of Android and iOS compatibility, the Switch also offers in-depth energy monitoring and seamless integration with the two most popular smart home ecosystems: Amazon Alexa and Apple HomeKit.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$27.81](#)



Best Indoor Security Camera

Logitech Logi Circle

The Logi Circle bested the competition thanks to its incredibly simple setup process, minimalist but powerful app, and the fact that it has a built-in battery, so it can be temporarily placed anywhere in your home. On top of that, it has very good image quality in most circumstances, an extra-wide lens, and offers 24 hours of free cloud backup.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$199.00](#)



SMART HOME

Best Bulbs

Philips Hue Starter Kit

These bulbs topped all of our tests thanks to an easy setup, a robust suite of features, and an intuitive app. Additional support with smart assistants like Alexa, Google Assistant, and Siri add tremendous benefit to an already impressive portfolio. Once you throw in the additional rainbow of possible light colors, these are without a doubt the best smart bulbs you can buy.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$134.52](#)



Best Locks

Schlage Sense

This lock is intuitive and had the fastest average lock/unlock times (about two and a half seconds). Not only is it able to store and remember 30 unique passcodes, but it comes equipped with built-in alarm sensors that will issue an alert if it senses an attack. It's also Apple HomeKit compatible, which means you can ask Siri to lock/unlock your door and even have remote control if you own an Apple TV as well.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$215.00](#)



Best Camera for the Money

Nikon D5600

This camera offers compatibility with every Nikon lens going back decades. It will only autofocus with newer AF-S lenses, but there's a special treat in slapping on some cheap glass from the 80s and seeing what you can get.

Where to buy:

[Amazon](#) \$646.95



CAMERAS



Best Camera

Nikon D500

The Nikon D500 isn't the fanciest camera in Nikon's stable, but pound-for-pound we still think it's the best. Offering stunning image quality, a raft of professional-grade features, and excellent durability, the D500 is the goldilocks of Nikon's lineup.

Where to buy:

[Amazon](#) \$1,946.95



Best Camera for Kids

Fujifilm Instax

We absolutely adore Fujifilm's line of Instax film cameras. They're fun, easy to use, affordable, and instant film has an immediate sense of charm that digital photography lacks—especially in the Snapchat/Instagram age.

Where to buy:

[Amazon](#) \$59.66



Best Point and Shoot

Canon G9 X Mark II

The Canon G9 X Mark II delivers a best-in-class combination of features, image quality, and ease of use for a price just under \$450 on sale.

Where to buy:

[Amazon](#) \$449.00





Best Earbuds Under \$25

JLab Fit 2.0

As with some other budget-friendly earbuds, the Fit 2.0 didn't blow us away with frills and features, but for the price they're great. For less than \$25 you get detailed audio, rich bass, and nice extras like an in-line remote and an earhook design to help them stay in place while running or working out.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$24.99](#)



HEADPHONES

Best Headphones for the Money

Sony MDR-7506

Found in countless studios and production houses around the world, the Sony MDR-7506 has held up for over a decade thanks to their combination of low price and high quality.

Where to buy:
[Amazon Click for Price](#)

Best Headphones

Audio-Technica ATH-MSR7

These headphones excelled in our labs, delivering superb audio quality that is well-balanced for a wide variety of genres and tastes. Beyond that, they're extremely comfy to wear for long stretches, affordable, and very stylish.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$199.00](#)



Best Headphones for Working Out

Beats Powerbeats3

They have a very snug earhook design that is moldable to your ears, excellent connectivity, all-day battery life, and a special chip that makes them easier to pair with Apple products.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$134.00](#)





Best Smartphone Under \$500

Huawei Mate 9

While so-called “flagship” smartphones get all the attention, there are a ton of high-quality, low-cost phones that can do nearly as good of a job. Our favorite under \$500 is the Huawei Mate 9. It’s fast, looks great, and has nearly all the features we look for in a smartphone.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$450.29](#)



Best Smartphone Camera

Apple iPhone X

Without question, the iPhone X is Apple’s premiere smartphone. And one feature truly rises above the rest: its camera. For everyday snapshots, the dual rear cameras are among the best we’ve ever tested.

Both have optical image stabilization, both perform very well in low light, and both let you shoot video in crisp 4K.

Where to buy:
[Best Buy \\$1,099.99](#)



Best Smartphone (iOS)

Apple iPhone 8 Plus

If you prefer iOS over Android, we think the best phone for you is the Apple iPhone 8 Plus. It’s one of the fastest smartphones we have ever tested, it has a superb dual camera, and the battery life lasts over a full day with ease.

Where to buy:
[Amazon Click for Price](#)

Best Smartphone (Android)

Samsung Galaxy Note 8

The Note 8 is fast, has an amazing camera, has one of the longest-lasting batteries we tested this year, and it still includes the Note series’ signature stylus. Simply put: if you’re not on Team iPhone, the Note 8 is our favorite smartphone we tested this year.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$935.00](#)



SMARTPHONES

Best Chef's Knife

Zwilling Pro 8"

This high-carbon German steel knife weighs in at 9.5 ounces. The weight gave it the strength to handle the heavy-duty tasks we threw at it. The design of the wide, tapered bolster made this knife easy to grip and seriously comfortable to use.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$139.95](#)



COFFEE & COUNTERTOPS

Best Coffee Maker

Technivorm Moccamaster

With its mid-century design and an exposed reservoir, you'll want to leave the Moccamaster out on the counter even when it's not in use. But it doesn't just look great. Indeed, the pricey Moccamaster brews a complex and smooth pot of coffee that ranked highest in our taste test. This machine also fills a full pot quickly—a necessity for the morning rush.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$299.00](#)



Best Single Serve Espresso

Nespresso Citiz

While not compact, it's narrow so it doesn't take up a wide swath of countertop space. As the tank holds enough water for about 17 cups, this brewer is perfect for espresso-loving households that feed their habit throughout the day.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$199.99](#)



Thanks to its easy set up and quiet motor, the Artisan was a pleasure to use and passed all our lab evaluations with flying colors. All this comes at a price—usually around \$350-\$425 (depending on color and sales promotions). But know that this is an investment piece that will pay off for years to come.

Where to buy:
[Amazon \\$299.00](#)



Best Affordable Robot Vacuum

iLife A4S

Not only is it affordable, but it also does a good job cleaning. It even has an app that you can use to control it when you're not home—which we think is really useful.

Where to buy:

[Amazon \\$199.00](#)



VACUUMS

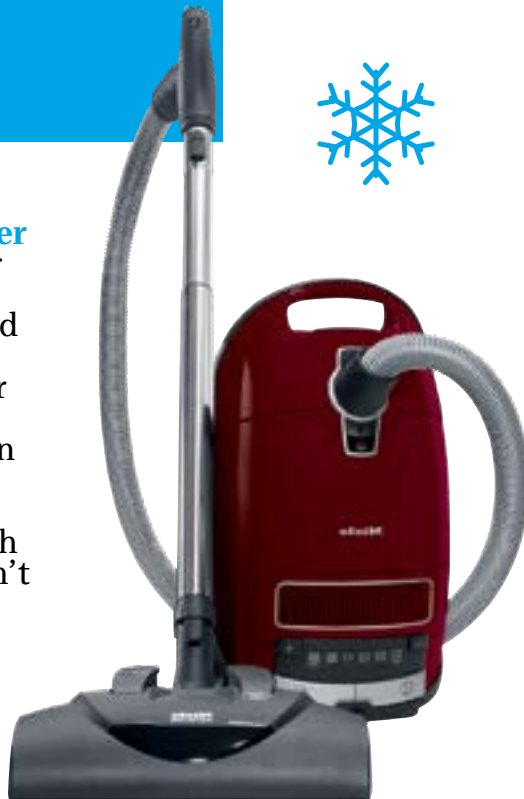
Best Vacuum

Miele Complete C3 Canister

The C3's powerful motor is astonishingly quiet, and the models we tested had the best dirt and debris pickup we've ever seen. Parts fit together and attachments slide on like they were precision machined. You can even get upscale versions with velvet bumpers that won't damage your furniture.

Where to buy:

[Amazon Click for Price](#)



Best Cordless Vacuum

Dyson V8 Absolute

With its powerful motor that's also compact, long-lasting battery, and rotating brush with soft bristles, the Dyson V8 a truly impressive feat of engineering. In fact, we think it's the only battery-powered vacuum that performs as well as a full-size corded model. Yes, it's expensive—but if you have a small house, it might be the only vacuum you need, and you don't even need to plug it in.

Where to buy:

[Dyson \\$599.99](#)



Best Robot Vacuum

iRobot Roomba 980

Unlike other robots that slam into furniture or get stuck on carpet, the 980 had no trouble navigating our obstacle course—and it picked up plenty of debris and pet hair along the way. And because of its connected app, you can tell it to start cleaning even if you aren't home.

Where to buy:

[Amazon \\$799.00](#)





Best Washer and Dryer Pair

Electrolux 617 Series

The washer premixes detergent with water, which ensures that all your clothes get clean. That's why it's gentle on clothes even though it's tough on stains, and it'll save you money on your water bill. The matching dryer uses steam to refresh clothes, and doesn't overdry fabrics—which is what causes damage.

Where to buy:

[Appliances Connect \\$893.00](#)



Best Dishwasher

Bosch 800 Series (2017)

These dishwashers now feature enhanced drying, easy-gliding racks, and noise ratings as low as 39 dBA. Three handle options are available, and models with hidden controls shine a red light onto the floor while the dishwasher is running so you don't accidentally open the door mid-wash.

Where to buy:

[Appliances Connect \\$1,074.10](#)



LARGE APPLIANCES

Best Refrigerator

GE CFE28TSHSS

We like that this GE comes with a built-in hot water dispenser, and how its dual-evaporator design keeps food fresh in both the fridge and the freezer. Owners speak highly of the temperature-controlled deli drawer and bright LED lighting. And if you like to see a Made in USA label, this fridge is built at GE's Appliance Park factory in Louisville, KY.



Where to buy:

[Home Depot \\$2,789.00](#)

Best Gas Range

Samsung NX58H9950WS

This massive oven has tons of features—from Dehydrate to a Salmon Steak preset. Our testers loved how evenly it baked with convection, and its burners were easy to control at both high and low temperatures.

Where to buy:

[Home Depot \\$2,519.00](#)





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