

EASY LIVING



ONE FOR ALL

If a friend is constantly destroying rooms while searching for her ringing cell phone, she'll appreciate the **Motorola C51 Cordless Phone System** (base and handset, \$80; Bluetooth cell dock, \$100; motorola.com/cordless), a single handset that she can use to answer both her landline and a Bluetooth-enabled cell phone. The best part: If her cell reception at home is patchier than Steve Carell's chest hair in *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, she can put the dock where the signal is strongest and roam her pad freely with nary a dropped call.



SUPERSONIC

Your coworker with the motor-mouth office mate could use a pair of racket-blocking headphones, but you're not about to spring for the \$299 Bose set. Instead, get her the high-performance, compact **Philips SHN2500/37 Noise Canceling Earbuds** (\$30, amazon.com). Tiny electronics embedded in the device emit sound waves that neutralize external noise.

GIVING BACK

Animal Magnetism

A wild suggestion from *WH* special projects editor Emily Laber-Warren

Delight the kids in your life by adopting a panda, whale, or other critter in their names. Donate \$25 to **Defenders of Wildlife** (defenders.org) or the **World Wildlife Fund** (worldwildlife.org) and your recipient will get a certificate and a small gift, such as a screen saver or stuffed animal. The money goes to protect your chosen species through research, lobbying, and education.



MORE FLOWER TO YOU

Tea bags are for amateurs. The hand-tied, flower-shaped bundles of tea leaves that come with the **Numi Flowering Tea Gift Set** (\$38, numitea.com) expand into spiky blooms when immersed in boiling water. A tea lover can steep one in a glass teapot and watch her underwater garden grow. The rosettes—in white, green, and black tea varieties—nestle in a pretty bamboo box alongside the teapot.



SMALL WONDER

Give a bud the power to transport 6 gigs of music, photos, and other files on a portable hard drive the size of his palm (as in hand, not PDA). The **Seagate 6GB Pocket Hard Drive** (\$110, circuitcity.com) connects to Macs and PCs with a built-in, retractable USB cable. He can use it to sneak the entire first season of *Rome* onto his work computer.

NICE! Protect loved ones from PC crashes.



KNITTING PRETTY

Frayed nerves? Knitting will mend them. But of course your stressed-out friend has zero time to learn a darn thing. The **Cup of Yarn and Cappuccino kits** (\$20, tigogifts.com or thehappywomanstore.com) come with 14-inch bamboo knitting needles, enough acrylic yarn to make a soft, machine-washable scarf or hat, and quickie instructions for beginners. Both kits are available in four colors.



THE HOT SEAT

Nothing says relaxation like big, squishy furniture. The **Fatboy Original pillow** (solids, \$229; prints, \$299; designpublic.com) from Finnish designer Jukka Setälä is satisfyingly huge and surprisingly light (just 18 pounds)—and it punches into a variety of shapes for creative reclining. Our favorites: fluffed into a chair, and on its side lengthwise so it forms a banana-like cradle. At 55 by 70 inches, it'll even flatten out to sleep petite houseguests.



NAUGHTY!
So comfy, she'll never get up.

Seas...



CHEESE, PLEASE!

Encourage impromptu merlot and Brie outings with the **Picnic at Ascot Windsor Impulse Deluxe Cheese Set** (\$34, cooking.com). The elegant zip-up carrying case comes outfitted with flatware, cloth napkins, a cutting board, a corkscrew, and a cheese knife. Note: Significant other with picnic blanket and discriminating taste not included.

FLAME STOWER

Scrounging around for matches can really kill a girl's mood. The 6-by-2.5-by-2.5-inch square paraffin **Candle with Matchbox** (\$18, momastore.org) from the Museum of Modern Art in New York artfully nestles a matchbox right in its base for easy illumination. You'll get 40 hours of burn time and no worries: The flame snuffs itself out before reaching the strike zone.

