

Smart ways to STAY IN TOUCH

Camilla Chafer, editor of Technoglam.com, gives her pick of the best new ways to reach out to friends and family

THE NEW PHONES for entertainment pack a punch with their integrated cameras and music capabilities



LG Arena (KM900)

Best for... those after style and a good all-rounder

WHAT DOES IT DO? This year, the big new phone from LG features a new 3in 3-D cube touch-screen, which revolves to give direct access to the most important features. Plus, there's a 5-megapixel camera. Music files can be saved in several formats, including the standard MP3 – or you can listen to FM radio – and there's a 3.5mm socket,

so you can use your regular headphones. Internal memory can be boosted to 32GB with a micro SD card. Talktime is up to 3.8 hours, and standby up to 300 hours.

PRICE Dependent on contract. uk.lge.com

Best for... camera lovers who don't want two devices

WHAT DOES IT DO? It's really a question of whether this is a phone or a camera? The 8-megapixel camera has leapt ahead of the industry standard (3 to 5 MP), and there's a wide-angle lens for bigger pictures that can be geotagged and uploaded to photo-sharing sites online. An 8GB memory provides plenty of space for media storage too, plus there's music, radio and Nokia Maps for navigation. Talktime is up to 6.3 hours, standby up to 315 hours.

PRICE Around £360, europe.nokia.com/n868mp.

Nokia N86



SMARTPHONES have loads of handy, clever features, such as email and maps



HTC Magic

Best for... someone who's looking for lots of different applications

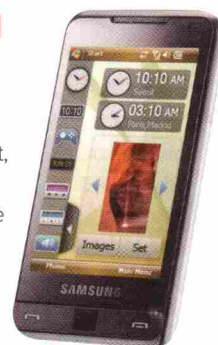
WHAT DOES IT DO? HTC is a brand name that can only get better known, thanks to its latest phone. It uses Google's Android operating system, which makes it highly customisable, with more than 800 applications available to download. There's already lots installed on this touch-screen phone, including Google Mail, Maps and YouTube (see the box on mobile web browsing, below), and you can record your own clips for instant publishing via the latter's video-sharing site.

PRICE Dependent on contract. Available through Vodafone. For more information, see htc.com. Extra applications can be downloaded from android.com.

Best for... those who want digital entertainment on the move

WHAT DOES IT DO? This 3.2in intuitive touch-screen phone has a 5-megapixel camera with lots of entertainment features, such as Divx video format, and a tilt sensor that changes the screen view from portrait to landscape. Web browsing is easy with the Opera browser and the Google search engine. It's also good for business, with Windows Mobile 6.1 operating system for Outlook and MS documents, PowerPoint, Excel and Word, and WiFi for emails.

PRICE Dependent on contract from Orange. samsungmobile.co.uk/omnia



Samsung Omnia SGH-i900

MOBILE WEB BROWSING

If you want to use your phone to browse the web, you will need to check that a mobile Internet bundle, or mobile web browsing, is either included with, or an add-on to your phone service plan. You will always need a web package with data allowance to surf or download. Make sure you check if there's a limit to what you can download. If you can, opt for a daily cap rate, where you can surf as much as you like for a period of time to prevent yourself running up large bills. For example, occasional browsers at Vodafone can get a £1 mobile Internet rate for one day's browsing, or Orange has a £1.47 unlimited 24-hour rate. >>

NETBOOKS are the new notebook. They're smaller, lighter, often cheaper than a laptop, and great for on-the-move work

Best for... style-savvy women who want a small device to surf when they're on the go

WHAT DOES IT DO? For the fashion-conscious, this "digital clutch" from HP might just be your bag. The red finish and "China Chic" print taken from Vivienne Tam's catwalk collection gives a cool update to this 10in x 5in netbook. It has a good-sized

10.1in screen, a keyboard that is only fractionally smaller than a laptop's, built-in webcam, WiFi and Windows XP, and it can run Windows.

PRICE: From around £449; hp.com.

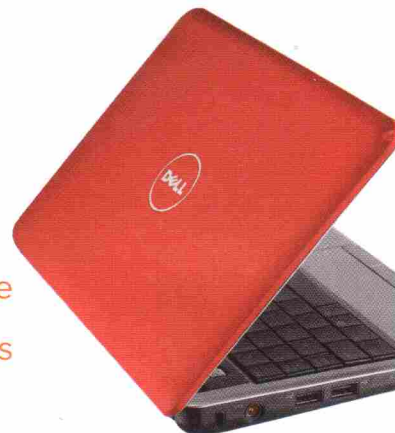


HP Mini 1000 Vivienne Tam edition

Best for... a first-time user who doesn't want to spend loads

WHAT DOES IT DO? Whether you need a light netbook for surfing the web or using business documents, this has all the bases covered. There's video chat – using the integrated webcam – as well as instant messaging, music and email. All applications are viewed on a 8.9in LED display, which is just big enough to accommodate a full web page. Connect on the go with built-in WiFi, and choose between Linux or XP operating systems, with a solid-state hard drive and a range of colour finishes. There are no disc drives, so you'll need a memory stick or card to input data.

PRICE: From £229; dell.co.uk/mini.

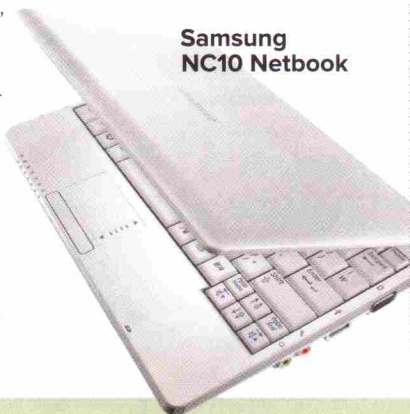


Dell Inspiron Mini 9

Best for... anyone who wants a portable all-rounder that'll keep you connected

WHAT DOES IT DO? This is the first of Samsung's netbook series. It has a 10.2in screen, a full-size keyboard with anti-bacterial coating, plus an Intel Atom processor, which helps to keep the size, weight and cost down. It features a webcam, wireless facilities, Bluetooth (so users can transfer data such as photos from other Bluetooth-enabled gadgets, for example, a phone), card reader (to read memory cards, such as those in your digital camera), headphone port, and 3 USB sticks for peripherals such as USB memory sticks. Battery life up to 7 hours.

PRICE Available in white, black and blue. Up to £329, samsung.com.



Samsung NC10 Netbook

Best for... women who travel and want lots of entertainment-media storage

WHAT DOES IT DO? At just 7in wide, the Archos 7 is an ultra-portable media player and web browser. All the functions can be accessed through the touch-screen, which has PC-like performance for web browsing. Use the on-screen keyboard to source information about your destination, send emails or chat wherever you are with MSN instant messenger. On the entertainment side, it can store up to 400 movies (the 320GB version; or 200 movies for the 160GB one) or thousands of songs and photos. It can also stream web TV channels, in the same manner as BBC iPlayer, and has a battery life that lasts for up to 39 hours.

PRICE: From £352.33 for the 160GB version, archos.com.



Internet tablet

EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT... USING GEOTAGGING

Many new phones and cameras have a geotagging feature. The idea is fairly simple – take a picture and not only will it be date and time stamped, but the location will also be added, using latitude and longitude co-ordinates. If you upload photos to web services such as Flickr.com or Ovi.com, other viewers will be able to see where that photo was taken.

Google Latitude (google.com/latitude) is another geotagging service. Used on mobile phones, under the **Google Maps for Mobiles** function,

it enables users to see where a person is if they have the geotagging service enabled. If you think it sounds a bit like Big Brother, users have to sign up for the service, and only selected other users can know where you are. Users can also "disappear" (opt out of having their location appear on screen at a particular time) if they don't want people knowing where they are at a



specific time. Maybe you don't want someone to know you're at the shops or out for a run when you are home "sick". If you're concerned about your personal safety, only provide specific data to family and close friends.

Several Nokia phones have a similar geotagging function, co-ordinated with Nokia's Sports Tracker website (sports.tracker.nokia.com). It uses GPS to see your location, photos and exercise routes. Users have to sign up and can choose to either share data, or not. w&h