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POCKET *photography*

TAKE YOUR PHONE PHOTOS FROM MEDIOCRE TO MAGNIFICENT WITH THESE NIFTY GADGETS THAT WON'T BECOME OBSOLETE WHEN YOU UPGRADE. BY MELANIE VAN ZYL



◀ FUJIFILM INSTAX SHARE SP-1 SMARTPHONE PRINTER

R2 495, ormsdirect.co.za

HOW IT WORKS This device allows you to print photographs shot with a smartphone or tablet via Bluetooth using Fujifilm's free downloadable Instax Share app.

PROS A compact portable printer about the size of a thick A6 notebook which is easy to set up and print quickly while on the go. Indicator lights show how many prints are left and how much battery life there is. Photos can be edited and rotated and text added. A date stamp and other graphics with templates, for example 'Happy Birthday', are included.

CONS You need to download the app first. Film is pricey at R130 for 10 sheets.

VERDICT This is a cool gadget and the credit card-sized polaroid-style prints are great for displaying your travel memories. It works like a dream.



This nice-to-have gadget is great for sharing pics with friends and especially parents, who'll appreciate the physical image



GARETH PON, SA'S TOP INSTAGRAMMER, IMPORTS MOMENT LENSES FROM THE USA

Of all the mobile photography lenses Gareth has tested (including the range below and available in South Africa), he says Moment lenses are the best you can get your hands on. momentlens.co. Check out Gareth on Instagram @garethpon

7X SUPER TELEPHOTO LENS

R599, itoys.co.za

HOW IT WORKS An adjustable clip slides over the smartphone and holds the lens in place.

PROS The lens produces high-quality zoomed-in pictures (7x magnification). Quick to fasten on well, it's easily adjustable to avoid vignetting and has less distortion than its Instalens counterpart. A hard, protective-plastic carry case is included.

CONS It's bulky and feels top heavy perched on the corner of a phone. The lens needs

to be kept very still to achieve effective photographs.

VERDICT If you want zoomed-in pictures, but can't get closer to your subject, this is a good buy. For best results, use with a tripod.



LEKKER LENSES

These natty lenses are universal and fit to any cellular phone model. The wide-angle and fisheye effects add some individuality to your images.

INSTALENS

From R299 per lens or R1 499 for the complete kit of five lenses, instalens.co

HOW IT WORKS Each Instalens comes with three adhesive and removable metal rings. One is placed around the phone's camera and then the Instalens attaches to the ring like a magnet to a fridge.

PROS It's easy to assemble and swap between lenses. There is no vignetting. The kit includes the following functions: macro and wide angle, polarizer, zoom, fisheye and panorama view – all

high quality, and fits into a small fabric microfibre case that doubles as a lens cleaner.

CONS It doesn't work with a phone cover. The lens may slip off the adhesive, if handled roughly.

VERDICT My favourite is the macro and wide-angle lens, and the price is good.



JOBY MPOD MINI STAND

R159, takealot.com

HOW IT WORKS Adjustable, flexible legs hold up the phone, which is secured by a rubberised, jaw that extends and clasps around it with an elastic band.

PROS Selling for a good price, it's compact and lightweight with flexible leg joints, and easy to set up.

CONS It can't be wrapped around wide diameters such as a thick tree branch because the legs are only seven centimetres long. The stand has to be balanced carefully.

VERDICT The Joby Mypod is not as versatile as the I stabiliser, but it's excellent for quick snaps and fits in your pocket.



TINY TRIPODS

For sharper snaps, better HDR images and epic time-lapses these tripods are best.

JOBY GRIPTIGHT MICRO STAND

R319, takealot.com

HOW IT WORKS A compact clasp is mounted over the smartphone and screws into the low-profile tripod stand.

PROS The Griptight is easy to use. The rubberised feet make for stable shooting and it has durable zinc alloy legs. Lightweight and travel friendly, it's about the size of a bulky USB stick (pocket-sized).

CONS It's more of a phone rest for smartphones under six-and-a-half centimetres wide because the internal steel springs activate to grip the phone securely only when stretched to this width and beyond.

VERDICT This compact tripod is great for travel and spontaneous shooting with a quick set-up, but it's better suited to wider phones.



HONOURABLE MENTION

It's not universal, but we'd look silly for not mentioning the popular Olloclip 4-in-1 Photo Lens (R899). This quick-connect lens solution includes fisheye, wide-angle and macro lenses in a high-quality compact click-on package. However, they are only compatible with one brand per clip, so if you're loyal to either Apple or Samsung, it'll do nicely. superbalist.com, takealot.com

LENSBABY LM10 SOFT FOCUS

R699, exposuregallery.co.za

HOW IT WORKS It is mounted magnetically (with rings) and offers a sweet spot of focus surrounded by blur.

PROS Quick and easy to set up and great for arty, unusual phone shots, offering a wider field of view and no vignetting.

CONS You need to download the Lensbaby free app because the lens inverts the image – the app rights this. It takes practice to get the focus correct.

VERDICT A great lens for uncommon shots, but it requires patience and practice.



LIEQI UNIVERSAL CLIP LENS

R449, itoys.co.za

HOW IT WORKS The lens clips over your phone and can be adjusted until it's centred over the camera. Easy peasy.

PROS There are three lens options to fit one clip: fisheye, macro and wide angle. These can be used on both the front-facing and back-facing camera with the phone cover on. The clamp is durable and sturdier than the magnetically mounted lenses. A carry sack is included.

CONS There is some vignetting and less subtle design than the InstaLens.

VERDICT It's better made for adventure and the lens set is a great-value buy, although a little bulkier than the InstaLens kit.



ISTABILISER SMARTFLEX

R379, loot.co.za

HOW IT WORKS An adjustable clip holds the smartphone in a horizontal position and the flexible legs wrap around things such as a tree branch or a fence.

PROS This tripod is convenient to pack away and adaptable. It's small and lightweight with rubberised feet for better stability, and it's easy to set up.

CONS It can inadvertently trigger the 'shoot' button on an iPhone because the holder sits on the phone's side button. The gadget can only be used with a phone less than seven centimetres wide.

VERDICT It can adjust to any angle and clamps tightly. Set the self-timer for a group shot or press 'record' and film an epic, stable time-lapse – a great tripod.



OVERBOARD WATERPROOF IPHONE CASE

R499, overboardafrica.co.za

HOW IT WORKS It's like a heavy-duty Ziploc bag for your cellphone.

PROS It has been tested up to six metres underwater for 60 minutes. There is a large back window for clear photographs and a front one for selfies. It is also sand-, dirt- and snow-proof and comes with a lanyard and carabiner.

CONS Sometimes the camera wouldn't shoot via the touch-screen underwater and the side buttons had to be used.

VERDICT A great buy. It's got plenty of uses and enables you to document every aspect of your travels without compromising your smartphone.



Every phone-o-phile needs one: this case means you can take pics underwater, plus protect it from sand and dust too

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We reviewed the awesome *Manfrotto Klyp+* (for iPhone only). Visit getaway.co.za/gear