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Going Digital Accessories give phones, computers an extra edge

Life in the digital age has added a new element to the art of accessorizing.

In today's age, cellphones, tablets and laptops are as much a staple of one's attire as earrings, necklaces and wristwatches. But there's no need to let the often bland factory designs of today's electronics throw a wrench in fashion plans.

Some of these handy electronics accessories are the combination of fashion and function, while others simply add a sense of style. If these particular models don't fit your fancy, a variety of other similar products are available locally and through national retailers.

— Adam Testa

C.E.O. Flip-Vue iPhone 4 Case

Description: This slim, genuine leather flip-top holster provides both protection and convenient access for iPhone 4 users.

The design of the case is fashionable, while the slim belt clip on the back offers multiple carrying options. A storage pocket inside the flip-top lid can hold credit cards, business cards or cash. The phone is held in place by an inner structure that maintains access to all buttons and functionality without creating need to remove the phone from the case.

Cost: \$20 at www.amazon.com



Dell Inspiron R Laptops

Description: Dell is offering an unprecedented amount of fashionable creativity with its newest Inspiron laptop.

These devices come standard with a second-generation Intel Core processor on the inside, giving the user the performance they need. But the appeal isn't all on the inside. The computer features optional Switch interchangeable lids. This customization capability enables parents, business professionals and students to dress their Dells in style.

Cost: Beginning at \$499 at www.dell.com



Veggie Leather Folio Book Style Cover for iPad 2

Description: This faux leather case is designed to hold the Apple iPad 2 and features a five-setting adjustable stand, allowing the device to be viewed at angles between 20 and 70 degrees.

A secure flap prevents slipping and sliding, ensuring the protection of the device while on the move. Holders are also in place for papers, business cards, IDs and other materials for the on-the-go business person.

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The case is available in a variety of colors, with black as the standard.

Cost: \$51 at www.amazon. com

Let's Crystal It Custom Cellphone Faceplates

Description: These handmade cellphone covers come in a variety of standard and custom designs, each crafted with authentic Swarovski crystal. Crystals are carefully placed using a special adhesive, and all sales come with a six-month warranty for any jewels that come unattached.

Crystals are available in a number of different colors, including birthstones. Faceplates are available for all different models of cellphones in a number of different patterns. Custom design samples include pet portraits and name patterns.

The company has worked with major companies to do custom designs, including crafting a special "American Idol" themed pattern for a partnership between Fox and Samsung.

Cost: Beginning at \$60 at www.letscrystalit.com

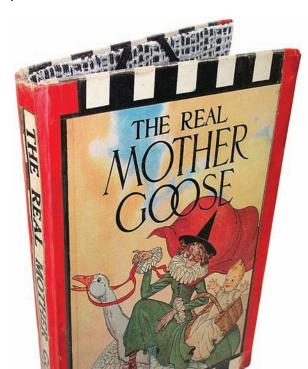
Handmade e-Reader Cases

Description: These specialty products offer an alternative to standard cases for e-Readers like Amazon's Kindle and Barnes and Noble's Nook.

Made by hand and fashioned after classic book covers, these cases feature reinforced spines, as well as side pockets for small item storage. These pockets are made from actual pages of the books featured on the covers and have protective, easy-to-clean coverings.

These cases are available in a number of styles and book covers.

Cost: Beginning at \$11.95 at www.etsy.com/shop/retrograndma





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