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## WATCH YOURSELF

At first glance the Withings Activité appears to be just a handsome analogue wristwatch. But lurking underneath it with its Bauhaus inspired design is a full-featured activity tracker. It's a novel approach to activity trackers – with no buttons, lights or the need to check your phone at every moment. A simple analogue subdial provides a linear and clear sign of your daily activity progress throughout the day.

[/ www.withings.com](http://www.withings.com)



## RAY



Misfit, the makers of wearable fitness trackers, has just released their latest, the Ray. It offers the usual tracking features including counting steps, measuring distances walked and estimating calories burned via its 3-axis accelerometer, as well as tracking activities such as cycling, swimming, yoga and dancing. It also provides some interaction via its single LED light, inactivity nudges, as well as text and call notifications, and a silent alarm. The real change, however, is in its looks – the Ray is probably the first fitness tracker we've seen that actually looks more stylish than geeky. [/ www.misfit.com](http://www.misfit.com)

## LIFT -BIT

While there are many things that one might think can be made more 'interactive', a sofa is not one of them. Well, furniture manufacturer Vitra would like to prove this wrong with its latest release, an 'interactive sofa' called the Lift-Bit. Made up of a series of modular hexagonal stools that form a honeycomb motif, the Lift-Bit is digitally configurable to allow it to seamlessly transform into myriad seating arrangements. Each stool is motorised with a linear actuator which enables it to be raised or lowered through a mobile app, but also via hand gestures simply by hovering your hand over the seat. If the Lift-Bit is idle for too long, it can even grow 'bored' and start shape-shifting on its own to engage users – a homage to radical British architect Cedric Price's 1970s 'Generator Project.' [/ www.lift-bit.com](http://www.lift-bit.com)



## WHAT A RUCKUS!

An oddball looking bike that's a charming take on the old off-road motor-driven mini bike, the Ruckus is touted as the bicycle for everybody and has an adjustable bottom bracket to allow for a wide range of rider sizes. Strengthening its everyday use credentials is its extra-long lounge seat that provides space for a passenger if required.

[/ www.coastcycles.com](http://www.coastcycles.com)

## RUNS ON JOY



Start-up KIBA believe they have made the camera everyone's been waiting for – the world's first self-editing interactive camera. Simply put, you just allow the camera to take images and video autonomously, after which it will then curate the results – picking the best and most interesting moments through its patented 'Joy Ranking Technology.' You can give it some direction by talking to it, creating schedules to record daily sessions or specific moments. Sounds like the stuff of science fiction? Perhaps, but it's currently undergoing heavy beta testing, and is expected to be shipped by October 2016. [/ www.getkiba.com](http://www.getkiba.com)

## SCULPTED CITIES



Fancy an amazingly detailed 3D plaster sculpture of London's cityscape on your wall? UK-based architectural sculptors Chisel & Mouse have just the thing. Made as a limited edition of 250 pieces, the entire cityscape is composed of 9 maps, each a 200mm x 200mm tile. The tiles are magnetic and stick to the underlying map, with the entire model encapsulated in a simple wooden frame which can be hung on a wall or displayed on a desk or table top.

[/ www.chiselandmouse.com](http://www.chiselandmouse.com)