

Technology In Our Lives

Electronic Twists On Favorite Pastimes

(NAPSA)—Surprisingly, shopping for gifts can be a snap—when you stop and consider the things that the intended recipients do for fun. Throw in some advances with fun electronics and you have a surefire winner: modern twists on popular pastimes.

For example, what's a duffer to do on a day when the weather isn't cooperating or no one else is available for a foursome? Golf fans can now enjoy their activity at home, arcade style. Officially licensed from Incredible Technologies, Golden Tee Golf Home Edition features a unique trackball interface and offers realistic game play of the hugely popular arcade-style golf game. Just plug the unit into a TV or VCR and tee off for addicting golf play.

Girls who love to play dress up or put on makeup can now give themselves a makeover—without changing the way they look! Digi Makeover from Radica lets girls with a passion for fashion see who they can be. The cool touchpad console with digital camera plugs directly into the TV, so girls can take their picture and then go crazy with their very own makeover. Use the touchpad and stylus to change hairstyles, makeup and even accessories. Plus, the unit lets girls pose with friends in "Photo Booth" mode, where they can save three of their favorite creations.

Extreme sports appeal to a lot of youngsters, and now it's possible to feel the thrill in the comfort of your own home. With Play TV Skateboarding, extreme sport fanatics can indulge their fascina-



Plug-and-play electronics let people enjoy their favorite pastimes at home, anytime.

tion (and fantasies) without all the safety equipment. This video entertainment allows players to perform awesome tricks and moves on a realistic skateboard in different game modes. Players use a combination of joystick buttons and board movements to pull off the coolest jumps and tricks. Just plug the unit into the TV or VCR and "grind."

Instead of diamonds, a girl's best friend might be a Jibbi. This new, interactive lifestyle product uses word recognition to provide nonstop fun. This animated on-screen character recognizes over 100 words and responds with over 200 different phrases. Jibbi will engage in conversations, dance, play dress up and ask girls about their day, just like a real best friend. It teaches reading skills, the value of good health and spending money wisely, all the while building self-esteem.

To learn more about these and other electronic gift ideas, visit www.radicagames.com.