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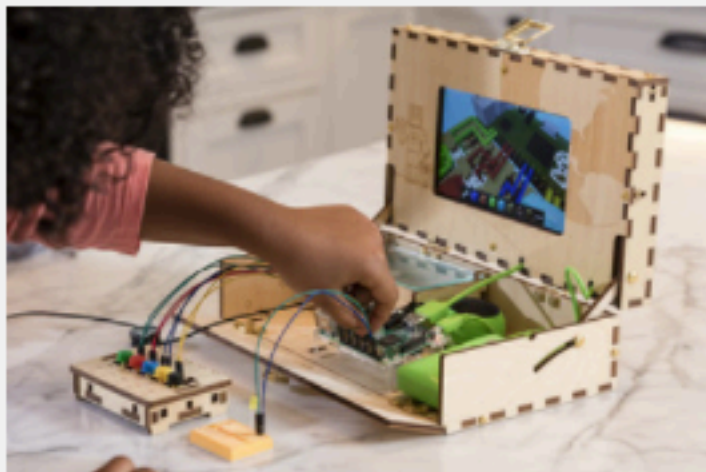
OUR FAVORITE GADGETS

Best Tech Gifts 2017

Sony Cyber-shot RX100 V Camera

You may gasp at the $1,000 price tag on this point-and-shoot camera, but it's a pocket-size wonder, capable of taking shots as well as or better than many neck-straining digital SLR cameras. With lightning-fast autofocus and 24-frame-per-second shooting, it will keep up with you wherever life takes you. If you feel like using it to shoot a feature film in 4K, you can do that too. $1,000, sony.com

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Piper Computer-Building Kit

It's a modern-day take on the old build-your-own-electronics kit. First, children construct Piper's wooden box, then install a screen and the brains, a Raspberry Pi computer. An on-screen Minecraft-powered tutorial takes over, showing how to wire up buttons, switches and other controls for different in-game effects. Thanks to the Minecraft, this is a guaranteed (if expensive) way to trick children into learning. $300, buildpiper.com