

NEW PRODUCTS



'Soft Kitty' plush plays relaxing song

Adult fans of the TV show "Big Bang Theory" might be familiar with the soft kitty song, but Stylin' Online hopes to make Soft Kitty familiar to children as well. A new Soft Kitty plush mimics the song the show's character Sheldon's mother used to sing to him when he was sick. The song goes: "Soft kitty, warm kitty, little ball of fur, happy kitty, sleepy kitty, purr, purr, purr." Children of all ages can press the plush kitty's paw to hear the song.

The stuffed animal measures 10 inches long and includes batteries. It is available for \$29.99 at www.stylinonline.com.

BingAnimals app helps kids learn motor and memory skills

BingAnimals is an educational game that teaches children to match animal sounds with pictures whenever they borrow mom or dad's smartphone or iPad. The app also tracks a child's progress and recommends other games to the parent designed for the child's specific age and skill level. The app offers access to pre-approved games and allows parents to assess information about time played and progress.

BingAnimals is available from both iTunes and the Android marketplace for free.

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Prenatal fitness series helps expectant moms prepare for delivery

Erica Ziel, a master pilates instructor, has released a prenatal pilates workout series, "Knocked-Up Fitness: Prenatal Pilates Infused Fitness" and "Knocked-Up Fitness: Pilates Prenatal Core Workouts" on DVD. The videos address warm-up, core and total body conditioning needs for expecting moms. Ziel holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and health from Iowa State University, is a certified personal trainer, pilates instructor and nutritionist specializing in fitness-infused pilates.

Each workout series costs \$19.99 and is available on Amazon.com.



Consider the Actifry for a Mom's Day gift

A multi-cooker with unique technologies, allowing it to create lower-fat versions of foods such as french fries, stir fry, and macaroni and cheese, the T-Fal Actifry reduces the time and number of ingredients needed for cooking. The Actifry features include a removable ceramic-coated, non-stick pan, a transparent steam-free lid, pulsating heat technology and an automatic stirring paddle which ensures even distribution of oil in each meal prepared.

The T-Fal Actifry is available at Bed Bath & Beyond for \$249.

SlimScan is credit card-sized portable scanner



A full-featured, tiny high-resolution color scanner so small and light it easily fits into a wallet or credit card holder, SlimScan allows for the scanning of receipts and business cards on the go. The Windows-compatible scanner can also scan small items such as photos and handwritten notes at up to 300 dpi in full color. It comes in durable stainless steel and features one-touch scanning. It can also store up to 600 images. A Macintosh-compatible version will be available soon.

It retails for \$139.99 and is available at online retailers including www.plano.com.