

## The bigger picture >>

Why bother lugging a digital camera around, when it's possible to combine your creative side with your communicative nature in one convenient device? LG's KU990 Viewty camera phone – featuring a 5,1-megapixel camera, HSDPA (3.5G) connectivity and large touchscreen – could be the answer for arty types with minimalist tendencies. The camera features manual and auto focus, a xenon flash, extensive editing features, and digital image stabilisation to reduce blur. On the video side, it records at 120 fps, allowing you to shoot fast-moving subjects or watch your footage later in slow-motion. If you're the sharing kind, you'll like the KU990's ability to upload videos directly to YouTube.

The 7,62 cm touchscreen can be set to vibrate when touched. Dialling and messaging are straightforward via a numeric or alphabetic keypad that works much like standard mobile phone keypads, minus the mechanical keys. Price: about R5 000. Contact LG Electronics on 0800 545 454 or visit [www.lge.co.za](http://www.lge.co.za)



## The digital lounge

After spending your work day hunched over your workstation, the last thing you want to do once you get home is rely on your PC for your digital entertainment needs. Tomacros's LimHD200i high-definition HDD media player is fanless (read quiet) and capable of playing most hi-definition movie formats available on the Internet. It delivers high-definition videos, music, still images and DVD files to your entertainment system from its internal hard disc drive, your home computer, USB HDD or network-attached storage box. It features a High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) connection and is compatible with most televisions. It also supports co-ax and optical digital audio output to deliver high fidelity surround sound into any home theatre or stereo system. Expect to pay about R4 500. For more information, visit [www.hum.co.za](http://www.hum.co.za)

## Confidence-builder >>

The existence of toy guns, Barbie and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle dolls suggests disagreement over whether toys should contribute positively to a child's development. Having said that, the YBIKE is a new take on the humble, much-loved plastic pushbike. It's expressly meant to not only provide a great ride, but also make it challenging and safe. See that wide, single rear wheel? It's designed to provide balance where necessary to boost essential motor-skills development. The front wheel is positioned further forward than usual with this type of bike; this means a bigger turning circle, reducing the risk of falling over the front when turning. The back wheel is covered to prevent children from riding over their own feet. And the seating position allows for more legroom for your little tykes as they propel themselves along. Better clearance and bigger wheels deliver a safer ride over uneven surfaces. It's available from Game, Toys R Us, and Baby and Company for about R250. For more information, visit [www.ybike.co.za](http://www.ybike.co.za)

