

# readers sites

We know that among you are some of the web's most avid surfers, and we want you to direct us to the best sites. Each month we set you a category to investigate and give a £100 prize for the top tip. This time the topic was easy – we all need some gift ideas for Christmas, so we asked you scout out the world of e-shops. Read on for the results...



## Halfpriceorless.co.uk

The obvious thing to say about this site is that it is full of bargains – a big plus. PC Advisor reader Fiona Parr suggested this site because “there are loads of really cheap gifts for all ages. Different things come in every week and the postage is £3.99 for as much as you want to order”. There is a wide range of products, and it is well laid-out and easy to navigate. [www.halfpriceorless.co.uk](http://www.halfpriceorless.co.uk)

## Iwantoneofthose.com

This is another unconventional gift site – in the words of the people who run it, the products are “stuff you don't need...

but you really, really want”. It's a good looking website, easy to navigate and search and, as reader Kerry-Ann Stanley says, it has a “range of innovative gifts, [and] presents for the people who have everything.” There is also a telephone support line if you have any problems making your order. [www.iwantoneofthose.com](http://www.iwantoneofthose.com)

## Kelkoo.com

Kelkoo is not a direct seller, but gives you the best prices from several different retailers. Reader Angshu Bhowmik likes it because it “gives an instant price comparison. For most things, the searches are quick and easy and I haven't found



better deals even after searching the net for hours”. One criticism we have is that if you have a problem using the site only email support is available. <http://uk.kelkoo.com>



## Coming up

We want to know what websites you recommend for online help with your computing problems. Drop us a line at [pcadvisor\\_letters@idg.com](mailto:pcadvisor_letters@idg.com), including the words 'Readers sites' in the subject heading. Or you can add it to the 'Win £100-worth of software' thread in the Magwatch forum on our site, at [www.pcadvisor.co.uk/registered](http://www.pcadvisor.co.uk/registered). ■

## Site of the month: InitialIdeas.co.uk



[www.smart4software.com](http://www.smart4software.com)

Initial Ideas takes the Site of the month prize for January 2002. It's a good site if you want to pick up something for all the family in one place. “Initial Ideas is clear, easy to use and provides an extensive collection of gifts. It caters for all ages and (unlike many online shops) has an original product range,” said reader A Rigby, winner of our prize this month.



Initial Ideas has a technical helpline and sales information number as well, so you're not limited to making your order online. Another thing we liked about Initial Ideas is the fact that it tells you if the items are in stock and, if they are not, when it's next expecting a delivery. [www.initialideas.co.uk](http://www.initialideas.co.uk)

Initial Ideas was nominated by A Rigby, who wins £100-worth of software, courtesy of Smart4Software.com.

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