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What to Get the Gearhead Girl

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looking skort called the [Emerald Skort](#).

Guys like rough and ready gear because they can get it dirty and show off their manliness. Outdoorsy girls want durability just like any guy, but we have daintier options. A common complaint among outdoors-loving women is that their gear makes them look more like their boyfriend than a woman but that's not necessarily so. Here's a list of feminine outdoor gear that would make any girl happy for holidays, birthdays or even Valentine's Day (although this is getting borderline). Want to know what to get your gearhead girl? Then read on.

Skirts/Skorts

Girls love skirts – even gearhead girls. You may, however, want to avoid the manly pants, and get your girl a nice travel skirt, which are designed for outdoor labor, but are still feminine enough for the girliest gearhead. For example, did you know Columbia makes a dress? Check out the [Greenway Tee Dress](#). Marmot also makes a great-

The Intimates

Your outdoorsy girl won't be wearing her lacy underwear in the outdoors unless she's really into chafing. Try a compression bra like the [Zoot Women's Compresx Ultra Bra](#). Want a bit more risqué in the wild? Try the [Moving Comfort Workout Thong](#). Just remember to get her size ahead of time, or you may be subjected to "that look."

Backpacking for Two

Backpacking is a great way to get your favorite girl out of the city. If you plan on buying her a new pack, bring her with you. Backpacks are not a one-size-fits-all product. Girls have different shapes and sizes and some manufacturer's design different packs for specific body types, like the [Black Diamond Flare](#). Have her try on a few until she finds one that sits nicely on her back and is comfortable.

A smooth move here would be to pick up a sleeping pad while you're together, giving you an excuse to cuddle up to her "since you want to know how it feels too!"

Purse

Brands like Pacsafe and Keen have regularly updated lines of purses that are cute enough to bring on a date, but strong enough that they can't be slashed by pickpockets. See for example the Pacsafe SlingSafe 200 – a purse that no normal man break into. Or the [Christin by Dakine](#). Yep, didn't know Dakine made purses did ya?

Hiking Boots for Her

Want to know a great way to make a girl hate the outdoors? Lend her your old hiking boots. Other than the fact that your feet are probably bigger than hers, women's feet are completely different from men. A good hiking boot for your gearhead girl is waterproof, light, and breathable. The best ones have very good ankle support and a loop on the back to help her slip them on. [Timberland](#) sells stylish, yet sturdy boots, specifically for the outdoorsy woman.

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Protection

Ew – get your mind out of the gutter.

Protection for your laptop. Women don't want to carry around a 15 pound laptop which is what you're good for. Even better is a laptop that's protected from the elements (if you happen to make it a habit of bringing a laptop into the wild – which watching a



movie in the woods could be as fun as watching a glowing

fire). In that case, find something waterproof and durable. [Dakine](#) and [Pacsafe](#) both sell lightweight laptop sleeves.

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Giro Helmets

Resorts are opening and snow is on the ground. But the base is thin, meaning there are plenty of rocks waiting to make a meal out of your skull. Get a helmet on yo head before a rock does!

