

# Christmas Wish List

Even if you've been naughty, you can still wrap yourself a little something to make your winter more joyous.



◀ Dakine's 26-litre Pro II backpack (\$150) may fit slimly, but it's full of features including retractable cable ski-carry, fleece-lined goggle pocket, insulated hydro sleeve, external snow tool/shovel pocket and quick-draw ice axe sleeve. We particularly like the back-access entry, which allows the user to root around inside while still wearing the pack on the hips only. [www.dakine.com](http://www.dakine.com)



▲ Skiers have always loved the warm and fuzzy creations from Cranbook, B.C.'s Kootenay Knitting, but now hockey fiends are getting into the retro look as part of the official Vancouver 2010 licensed merchandise. 50/50 merino wool/acrylic, non-oversized, fine-gauge knit, \$125-\$135. [www.kootenayknitting.com](http://www.kootenayknitting.com)

▶ Smartwool's Park Connected PhD Snow Sock in Petrol (\$34) is one technical piece of ski gear with a fit system, Duroyarn reinforcement and strategic mesh zones for maximum ventilation. [www.bluerivertrading.com](http://www.bluerivertrading.com)



▼ Whether you're new to snowshoeing or just looking for a little more comfort, the affordable Flex Trk (\$150) by Tubbs may just be the shoe that fits. The compact design still offers plenty of technical bells and whistles, including Flex Tail (to absorb shock from heel strike), a gender-specific, asymmetric Quick-Flex binding, and carbon steel toe crampons and moulded snowbrakes to aid in descents. [www.tubbsnowshoes.com](http://www.tubbsnowshoes.com)



◀ The Revenant Hoody (\$499) isn't notable simply because it's made in Canada, the eVent fabric is increasingly considered to be the most breathable material for waterproof jackets, says its maker, Westcomb. The design is cut low around the back for extra protection and features a zip-out powder skirt, large and deep chest pockets, and minimalist pit zips. [www.westcomb.com](http://www.westcomb.com)





◀ It's been 40 years since man walked on the moon, and you (or your parents) danced in Moon Boots. Nine colours, three sizes, water resistant—and with no designated left or right, they're still perfect for après ski! Moon Boot Nylon, \$179, [www.moonboot.it](http://www.moonboot.it) or 800/567-9503

▼ Nikon's added the S640 (\$299) to its popular Coolpix line. Perfect for ski photography, the 12.2 megapixels resolution S640 has a .7-second start-up time, ultra-fast autofocus system and short shutter-release time lag, as well as Clear Colour Display technology that reduces reflection. [www.nikon.ca](http://www.nikon.ca)



▲ New for 2010, Bolle's Nova goggle, in Coral Snake with Fire Orange 35 lens (\$99) offers the perfect helmet fit, double-layered face foam, Flow-Tech venting and double-vented PC lens—plus a unique look. [www.bolle.com](http://www.bolle.com)



▲ Hard time finding a helmet that fits? Salomon has a solution with several models that offer its Custom Air System. Adjust the fit directly on your head with an easy-to-fill air bladder that provides adapted pressure distribution. The Ranger Custom Air (\$170, shown here) is also available with Bluetooth technology. [www.salomon.com](http://www.salomon.com)



▲ Time to set a trend instead of following one. Columbia's waterproof/breathable Red Hot Jumpsuit (\$349) comes in four-way comfort stretch plaid with a removable/adjustable storm hood, faux raccoon fur, radial sleeves, articulated elbows, underarm venting system—and just a little chutzpa. Ladies only. [www.Columbia.com](http://www.Columbia.com)



▼ From Icebreaker's mid-weight Sport LTD collection, the deep-venting zip-neck Powder Sweater (\$169) is a stylish, athletic, body-hugging alternative to the bag-o'-potatoes look of fleece. As always, it's made from pure merino, non-itch, wicking and breathable New Zealand wool. [www.icebreaker.com](http://www.icebreaker.com)

