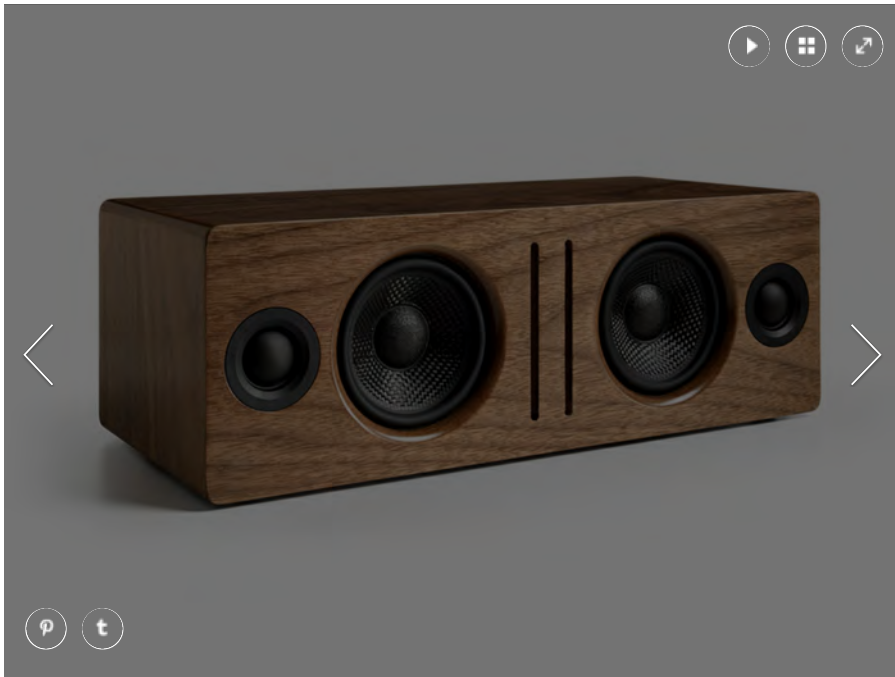




Our Absolute Favorite Gadgets of 2014

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4 / 10 **Audioengine B2** To create its new wireless speaker, Audioengine spun out the design of its excellent Kevlar-cone bookshelf units, essentially flipping a pair of them sideways and crafting them into one, single box. The result is a fantastic-sounding \$300 stereo speaker that accepts audio from any device in your home via Bluetooth or a wired connection. [The B2 is compact, loud, and—given the trio of wood finishes on offer—handsome](#)

It was a great year to be a forward-looking consumer. We saw a number of products bust the ceiling with innovative designs, smarter software, and entirely new experiences.

Here you'll find the Gadget Lab staff's selection of 2014's best consumer electronics. The list is not comprehensive across every category—What, no tweeting toasters?—but that's because some of the best gadgets in the biggest categories came out in 2013, and they weren't usurped during the last 12 months. You won't find a better streaming box than the [Roku 3](#), or a better sub-\$200 wireless speaker than the [UE Boom](#). The [Xbox One](#) and [PlayStation 4](#) are still the top consoles. But 2014 was a good year for companies releasing big upgrades to marquee products and improving on previously winning designs. You'll see a few of those picks here alongside the entirely new stuff.

So here's a list of our absolute favorite new things we saw in 2014. And of course, you can consider all of these products no-brainer purchases. If you're in the market for something new, you can't lose with any of these picks. Well, except for maybe the TV that costs as much as a Hyundai.

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