

product review:



cameras

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IF YOU'RE IN the market for a new camera this holiday season, you're in for a treat. With so many new, exciting options available, you're sure to find a camera that fits your budget, your comfort-level, and your needs as your family storyteller. We're here to help you find your dream camera for taking photographs for your scrapbooks—for under \$1,000. Here are four cameras that rose to the top of our list.



Panasonic LUMIX DMC-FX75(FX70)
panasonic.net/avc/lumix/
 Retail price: \$299



Olympus Pen E-PL1
olympusamerica.com
 Retail price: \$600
 includes 14–42mm f/3.5–5.6 collapsible lens



Pentax K-X
pentax.com
 Retail price: \$537
 includes 18–55mm f/3.5–5.6 Pentax DA lens



Canon EOS Rebel T2i
canoneos.com
 Retail price: \$800 body only; \$900 includes 18–55mm f/3.5–5.6 Canon EF IS lens

This Camera is for You if	you're always on the go and need an ultra-portable camera with special features	you want DSLR-quality images in a beginner-friendly camera that fits in your purse	you're ready for a DSLR camera, but not ready to commit to a high-end model or to give up all point-and-shoot ease	you want a top-of-the-line DSLR at a reasonable cost
Type	Point-and-shoot	Point-and-shoot with interchangeable micro Four Thirds lenses	DSLR (APS-C) camera	DSLR (APS-C) camera
Megapixels	14.1	12.3	12.4	18
ISO Range	Options to set ISO* manually 100–1600; High-sensitivity (ISO settings 1600–64000) can be obtained automatically with High Sensitivity setting	Auto: 100–3200 (Customizable. Default is 100–1600); Manual: 200–3200	Auto: 200–6400; Manual: 200–6400; Expandable to 100–12,800	Normal: 100–6400; Expanded ISO 2,800
Shutter Speed	Still: 8 - 1/2,000 sec. Starry Sky Mode: 15, 30, 60 sec	2 - 1/2000 sec.	1/6000 - 30 sec.	1/4000 sec. max. and 1/30 sec. min.
HD Video	AVCHD Lite	AVI Motion JPEG	AVI Motion MPEG	MPEG 4 MOV
Features to Know About	Motion Deblur mode helps eliminate motion blur from your photos—great for action shots	Simple Live Guide mode adjusts multiple settings at once	Shake-reduction technology helps you keep your photos steady without a tripod	Quick Mode auto focus lets you quickly focus on your subject before switching to recording video

* On your camera, ISO affects the shutter speed and aperture combinations you can use to get just the right exposure for your photos. The higher the ISO, the less light you need to take your picture. **ck**