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A smart speaker gift: check Wi-Fi, apps and household preferences

Use this four-part checklist to record the recipient's needs, check the exact model's documentation and prepare a useful gift or handover.

1. Ask permission before choosing a voice device

Confirm that the household wants a voice-enabled speaker. List existing smart-home devices, the recipient's phone and the music services they actually use. Choose a candidate only after checking compatibility with those specific devices and services.

2. Check setup without collecting passwords

Read the exact model's setup instructions for supported Wi-Fi networks, phone apps and account requirements. For dorm or shared-building networks, ask the network operator whether the device is permitted. Keep passwords, account recovery details and network credentials off the printable.

3. Review privacy and ongoing costs

Find the model's microphone controls and voice-history settings in its official documentation. Do not assume every mute control has the same hardware design. List any subscriptions needed for the recipient's desired services and check whether voice purchasing can be restricted.

4. Prepare a recipient-owned handover

Leave account linking and personal setup to the recipient. Include the official setup link, included-accessory list and gift receipt. Make a placement plan that follows the maker's power and ventilation instructions and leaves controls accessible.

Record your comparison

Exact model / product

Documented requirement and source

Recipient preference / available space

Included items and extra cost

Unresolved question / next action

Reference: Wi-Fi Alliance: Consumer Wi-Fi Compatibility and Network Protocols

https://www.wi-fi.org/

Follow the full guide and the exact product instructions. Shopping is optional.