Brrrr! Keep Warm with Cold Winter Gear While Using Your iDevices!

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Old Man Winter is finally here. Bitter, cold winds threaten the luxury of skin on glass that we've all become accustomed to. Utilizing your iPhone or iPad outdoors at this time of year requires extra care and attention. Touchscreen gloves and styluses are just the thing you need to get you through these dark, winter months to maximize the use of your iDevice screens. In this roundup we'll look at some of our best options in two categories.

Gloves:

Sometimes the simplest solution is both the most obvious, and simultaneously, the most overlooked. A good pair of <u>fingerless gloves</u> allows you to keep your hands toasty warm while keeping your fingers free to tap away. Some even offer a fold-over mitten option, so that you can have your fingers covered or uncovered as necessary. <u>Fox River Fingerless Wool "Glomitts"</u> are available for \$13.95

<u>Isotoner smarTouch</u> gloves are an excellent option for a capacitive glove. Living up to Isotoner's outstanding reputation for quality and comfort, smartTouch gloves provide both warmth and touchscreen interactive capability. <u>Isotoner smarTouch</u> gloves come in a wide variety of styles and are available for as low as \$25-\$30.

Another noteworthy option for touchscreen capable gloves <u>Aglove's Polar Sport</u> gloves. They are a great, lightweight option for folks in moderately cold climates. Aglove's Polar Sport has rubber dots adhered to the palms and fingers to allow for extra traction, especially on cold, wet winter days. <u>Aglove's Polar Sport</u> gloves are available for \$19.99

Styluses:

On a cold winter's day, heavy gloves are called for, and nothing bridges the distance between gloved hands and a touchscreen like a good stylus.

The <u>Cosmonaut</u> stylus is a beefy, easy-to-hold stylus that makes a great companion for using your touchscreen in cold weather conditions. With its micro-traction surface, wide girth and rugged design build, the Cosmonaut will take the chill out of outdoor iDevice use. A nice, added flair to its unique design is a small, circular, wooden panel at the back end, which adds an appealing, organic style to this simple stylus. The <u>Cosmonaut</u> is available for \$25.

The Sensu stylus provides the best of both worlds in one stylus. While many styluses these days cater to folks who still have a penchant for paper writing, the <u>Sensu</u> includes a brush on the opposite end of the stylus' point, rather than a pen, allowing you to interact with your iDevice either with the nub of the stylus or the bristles of the brush. The Sensu is great if you are outside and need to jot a note down (be sure to check out <u>Paper</u> for a great stylus-oriented app), draft a quick sketch or paint a beautiful landscape with your iPad. The <u>Sensu</u> stylus is can be purchased for \$40.

Rain or shine our iPads and iPhones are usually with us. Now, with this guide of useful, accessory alternatives there's no reason we can't take advantage of them in winter, spring, summer or fall.

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Unedited article below.

Cold Weather Gear: Don't let the chilly winds keep you from your iDevices!

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Winter is finally making itself felt. When the chill winds blow it can pose a challenge to work with our touch sensitive device screens. Here's a collection of useful and convenient alternatives for utilizing our iPhones and iPads at this time of year, when it can be too cold to have our hands and fingers exposed...

When it comes to interacting with our iDevices nothing beats the luxury of skin on glass. However, that's not always a luxury we can afford. That's where touchscreen gloves and styluses come in handy for these cold and dark winter months. In this roundup we'll look at some of our best options in two categories.

Gloves:

Just because we wear cold-weather gloves this winter, doesn't mean we have to be deprived our ability to touch our iDevice's screens.

Sometimes the simplest solution is both the most obvious and simultaneously the most overlooked. A good pair of <u>fingerless gloves</u> allows you to keep your hands toasty warm while keeping your fingers free to tap away. Some, like the fingerless gloves I link to in this article, even offer a fold-over mitten option, so that you can have your fingers covered or uncovered as necessary. Fox River's wool "Glomitts" are available <u>HERE</u> for \$20.

The <u>Isotoner SmartTouch</u> gloves are an excellent option for a capacitive glove. Living up to Isotner's outstanding reputation for quality and comfort, the SmartTouch gloves provide both warmth as well as touchscreen interactive capability. The SmartTouch gloves come in a wide variety of styles and are available <u>HERE</u> for as low as \$25 - \$30.

Another great option for touchscreen capable gloves are the <u>Aglove's Grip Touch</u> gloves. They are a great lightweight option for folks in moderately cold climates. Aglove's Grip Touch also has rubber dots adhered to the palms and fingers to allow for extra traction, especially on cold and wet winter days. The Grip Touch are available <u>HERE</u> for \$30.

Styluses:

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The <u>Sensu</u> stylus provides the best of both worlds in one stylus. While many styluses these days cater to folks who still have a penchant for paper writing, the Sensu forgoes the common approach of including a ball point pen with a stylus and instead, includes a brush on the opposite end of the stylus' point, allowing you to interact with your iDevice either with the nub of the stylus or the bristles of the brush. The Sensu is great if you are outside and need to either jot a note down (be sure to check out either <u>My Brushes</u> or <u>Paper</u> for great stylus oriented apps), draft a quick sketch or even paint a beautiful landscape with your iPad. Just remember to bring a nice hot drink along in your thermos for those wintery painting sessions! The Sensu stylus is can be purchased <u>HERE</u> for \$40.

Our iPads and iPhones are usually with us, come hot weather or cold. Now, with this guide and these useful accessory alternatives, there's no reason we can't take advantage of them in the winter, spring, summer or fall.