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loss will find this cordless phone a blessing. The Amplicomms PowerTel 710 talks to you and can record up to 13 friends' names to be announced when they ring. Calls are loud and clear, too, and there's a 90-decibel ringer. It also features large buttons to make dialling easy and the display screen is a good size. Hearing aid-compatible, it is £99.99 or VAT-free at £83.33 for blind and partially sighted customers, or for someone buying on their behalf (shop.rnib.org.uk).

#### DP 01 Punkt

Designed by Jasper Morrison and with 10 exclusive ringtones composed by electronic musician Robin Rimbaud, aka Scanner, this contemporary, cordless digital phone is produced by Swiss design-led technology company Punkt. The DP 01 can sit horizontally on its base or the whole thing can be wall mounted. The design is simple and modern, and comes in white, black or red, left. Features include an answering machine and a high-quality speaker. Priced at £199 (selfridges.com).

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# Design

### ▲ BT Elements 1K

If you live in a house with thick stone walls, have a super-long garden or have struggled for years to get a decent signal from other cordless phones, this is the perfect digital home phone for you. BT Elements 1K is rugged — being both waterproof and dustproof — and has a range of up to a kilometre, making it ideal for a weekend home in the sticks. Features include answering machine, speakerphone and text messaging. Priced at £79.99 with a single handset, or £119.98 with a pair of handsets (shop.bt.com).

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### Panasonic KX-PRW120

For a premium feel, give the cordless digital Panasonic KX-PRW120 a try. It connects, through wi-fi, to your smartphone and takes a copy of your contacts book. It can also make and receive landline calls for free via an app on your smartphone — Android and iOS. Features include answering machine, speakerphone and text messaging. Priced at £79.99 (panasonic.com).





### ▲ Philips M8

The most stylish of the current bunch by far, the cordless digital Philips M8 feels lovely in the hand and is perfect for those BFF calls that last for hours. It's lightweight, feels slim and has legible and tactile buttons for dialling. The curved "banana" shape is quite brilliantly ergonomic and looks good sitting on a table. Features include answering machine, speakerphone and privacy modes — including one that blocks late-night calls, apart from selected friends and family. Priced at £99.95 (johnlewis.com).



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