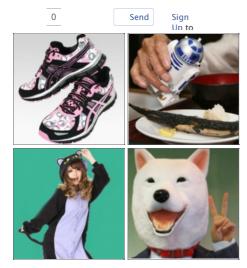


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Sanrio x ASICS Hello Kitty Activewear - Meow! Sanrio and ASICS deliver some activewear for the cute (and healthy) at heart. With sleek, modern designs at surprisingly affordable prices, you can add some *kawaii* Kitty-chan flair to your workout gear without wearing your full gothic lolita get-up on the elliptical. From duffle bags to sneakers and

more, this collection has everything you'll need to turn even more heads at the gym. No performance-enhancing catnip required.

Star Wars R2-D2 Soy Sauce Bottle -The sauce is strong with this one! In addition to

delivering intergalactic telegrams, electrocuting Jawas, and making inimitable blooping sounds,

everyone's favorite robot, R2-D2, now dispenses your go-to Japanese condiment. Pair the space-age soy sauce bottle with some lightsaber chopsticks and you have a perfect storm of pop culture. Who needs the spice mines of Kessel anyway? These are definitely the droids we're looking for.

Kigurumi by Sazac - *Sayonara* Snuggies, there's a new way to stay warm this winter. Kigurumis, sometimes referred to as "disguise pajamas," are full-body animal pajamas that double as street fashion in Japan. From the *kawaii* to the straight-up cool, LA-based retailer Sazac offers soft, fluffy versions of everything from cats to penguins to Batman and beyond! Face the falling Fahrenheit in style this winter and spend that extra heating bill money on a Kigurumi instead.

SOFTBANK Otou-san Dog Mask - Father knows best: the gift you never knew you wanted (or needed) is here -- a genuine SOFTBANK *Otou-san* dog mask. Now you too can be a dead ringer for Japan's most famous pooch and demand steak from old men. Whether you're just a fan of SOFTBANK's customer service, a diehard otaku or just looking for something to wear to your next costume party, this dog is a masked man's best friend.

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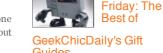
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