

The #SmileItsSummer Trend Report - commissioned by Amazon.co.uk - predicts the experiences and products that will make Brits (and their furry friends) smile this summer

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Pet Wellness reaches new levels with the rise of Pet-icures (<u>dog nail polish</u> sales increase by 188% year-on-year on Amazon.co.uk), <u>luxury memory foam beds</u> (up 107% year-on-year) and <u>doggy beer and rosé wine gift sets</u> (up 260% year-on-year)

Huge focus on DIY, grow-your-own and fresh ingredients with sales of home-made cheese kits rising 676% year-on-year, grow-your-own mushroom kits up 206% year-on-year and bees wax wrap — an eco-friendly cling film replacement — increasing 554% year-on-year

Entertainment will be taken outside with outdoor screens and portable projectors predicted to rise in popularity and sales of portable speakers (up 497% year-on-year) and outdoor lighting (up 527% year-on-year) soar

London - 30 May 2019: With the month of June, and start of summer, officially upon us, Amazon.co.uk has released its #SmileltsSummer Trend Report, predicting the experiences, services and products that will make Britons smile this summer including outdoor cinema screens, Aquaponic starter kits, instant cameras and pawdicure nail polish.

The independent report, commissioned by Amazon.co.uk and informed by Martin Raymond, co-founder of The Future Laboratory, used future-forecasting to identify six key trends that will take centre stage this summer.

Pet Wellness

- o Pets will be living the same (if not better) lives than their owners this summer
 - We'll spoil them with pet-icures (pawdicure nail polish sales increase by 188% year-on-year on Amazon.co.uk) and popular five-star rated products like soothing skin mud face masks
 - The Future Laboratory predict man's best friend will dine on veggie pet food and join us for a glass of dog-friendly rosé or beer (sales of Not in the Dog House Dog Treat Gift Sets featuring rosé and beer up 260% year-on-year) in the summer sun while relaxing on their memory foam bed (sales up 107% year-on-year)

Fresh is Best

- The kitchen will become the heart of the home once more
 - We'll grow and ferment our own produce using <u>aquaponic kits</u> (a Future Laboratory product to watch) as grow or make-your-own kits are becoming ever popular, including grow-your-own <u>mushrooms</u> (sales increase of 206% year-on-year) and make-your-own <u>cheese</u> (up 676% year-on-year)
 - The Future Laboratory predicts vegetables and fermented products will take centre stage as we perfect the art of preparation, mincing, stuffing and dicing everything, and indulge in exotic fermented ingredients koji kvass, Jun tea and tempeh

Al-Fresco Fun

- Entertainment experiences head outdoors this summer as British gardens are transformed into open-air cinemas
 - Amazon.co.uk have everything you need to create your own backyard cinema according to The Future Laboratory including <u>outdoor screens</u>, <u>outdoor projectors</u>, <u>firepits</u> and <u>pizza</u> <u>ovens</u>
 - Ever-popular products designed for outdoor entertaining also include <u>Bluetooth speakers</u> (sales increase of 497% year-on-year) and <u>fairy lights</u> (up 527% year-on-year)

Fit-Fam

- This season's most covetable fitness accessory is predicted to be your workout buddy or 'Fit-Fam', be that a parent, child, colleague, sibling, friend or stranger as multi-generational and social fitness communities come to the fore
 - Amazon.co.uk has seen a surge in sales of partner, group and family-related sporting equipment including; boxing gloves (sales increase of 223% year-on-year), Fearne Cotton's Yoga Babies Guide (up 196% year-on-year), tag-along trailer bikes (up 133% year-on-year) and

junior cricket sets (up 204% year-on-year). The Future Laboratory predicts kids' yoga mats as a trending product to watch.

'Fly-and-Try' Travel

■ The traditional family holiday is changing. This summer is all about 'fly-and-try' travel designed for those seeking new experiences that will push them outside of their comfort zones

> ■ Brits will choose authentic experiences focused on adventure (adventure backpacks up 110% year-onyear), wellness (sales of wellness oils travel sets up 571% year-on-year) or just pure escapism (noise cancelling headphones up 164% year-on-year)

> > ■ Generation Z are looking to find unique and creative ways to document their travels using instant cameras (up 561% year-on-year) and The Future Laboratory predicts that drones designed to capture aerial footage will continue to rise in popularity this summer.

Grid-Worthy Gaff

■ Britons are purchasing insta-worthy home accessories that will encourage social media likes

> ■ Amazon.co.uk sales data shows indoor plants have increased of 226% year-on-year, while The Future Laboratory predicts cocktail trollies, all things Coral Pink (Pantone 16-1546 Living Coral is 2019's Pantone Colour of the Year) and even at-home professional photography kits will trend as Britons look to get the perfect shot

> > ■ Technology will remain a big trend according to The Future Laboratory as voice-enabled services - such as Amazon's Alexa - help keep guests entertained and we welcome more smart items (e.g. portable smart tables) into our homes

For more information, head to Amazon.co.uk's newly launched #SmileItsSummer store (www.amazon.co.uk/smileitssummer), where customers will be able to find the latest on-trend products featured in the #SmileItsSummer Trend Report.

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Notes to Editors: Media can download the **#SmileItsSummer Trend Report.**

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