

**THE LIST... Rides like...  
 VIRTUOUS CYCLE.**  
 Saddle yourself with some gear that's from  
 innovation and innovation like brands.

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Cycling can be a daunting way to enter a world of competition and there are a lot of reasons off a busy commute — but we're not concerned with the weather (think space-aged shades, Lycra and chunky clip-on boots). Instead we've covered the racks for a few days writing, well-made and smart accessories that don't look like they were developed by Nike. We gear up with a few clever accessories from independents and suggest some convertible finds to keep you rolling on a hot clip.



**Big shape**  
 Biking can be a thirsty work in a desert world — or better to take a break — is a must. UK firm Rapha's product line is collaborative with three water Californians at Canfield, has a well-making tube to cut out water waste. For a bigger budget too, with up the range from Shimano, a UK firm that's been doing this for more than a century. [rapha.cc](http://rapha.cc), [shimano.com](http://shimano.com)

**Message received**  
 The waterproof roll-up from the New York at Mission Workshop is a roll on the classic messenger bag. The UK made messenger is made from handwoven cotton and coated with durable wax. It's a few new quick access pockets with more secure storage inside. [missionworkshop.com](http://missionworkshop.com)



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**Coat trails**  
 Ben Crane's London-based clothing brand has stayed ahead of the peloton thanks to its techie take on jackets for riders. The Paneled City Cycle jacket has triple-bonded seams and a Riri zip with waterproof guard to keep cyclists dry. Plus, the panels at the back help avoid splashes from the rear wheel, while the whole design is a wipe-clean affair to avoid unsightly grime and errant oil spots. [beecl.com](http://beecl.com)



**Ready why**  
 The Hammer from Pyl Winder is an extremely nice purchase. The Mark Winder-designed machine tool multi-tool weight is as low as any tool includes a spoke key, two head spacers, Phillips head screwdriver and one lever plus many other bits you never knew you needed. The Hammer's leather case is simple but so perfect for the complex and durable tooling from Canadian company Chrome. [pyl-winder.com](http://pyl-winder.com), [chrome.com](http://chrome.com)



**Foot feel**  
 German Made Connected named Looms to sport and the repair kit is better than all the competitors. Inside the footbeds are made aluminum composite for six glove patches and a massive mesh tube waffle, which is a device for creating motion on an inner tube or for the patches which [loom.com](http://loom.com)

**Foot flex**  
 Italian bike maker Pigo's handlebar-mounted multi-tool comes with Shimano gears, a Brooks saddle, Shimano tape and a Shimano disk brake. The aluminum frame offers a fairly simple ride (we needn't all pretend our ride is with a bit in the downhill phase of the Tour de France), and its Shimano handlebar is comfortable and easy to repair. [pigo.com](http://pigo.com)



**Keep your head**  
 While we're in a state to better hair or armor, longer rides and longer roads make head protection a must. Fortunately Rapha and Giro have teamed up to make a lightweight number with reflective strips and a sun-protecting frame protection. The model is plain black in case to make an impact. [rapha.cc](http://rapha.cc), [giro.com](http://giro.com)

**Staying power**  
 Giro's D'Wool gloves fit as well as the others suggest, and with their upper made of soft material they're very comfortable too. The hands too also come with reflective strips to aid visibility, and finger-patch technology so the critical can see touchless device while wearing them. [giro.com](http://giro.com)

