



GADGET REVIEW



Presto! You Have Mail!

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Do you know many people who send you lots of email messages but find that you can't be bothered to log on and go through them? Do you know anyone who is still not quite comfortable with the Internet or the concept of email? Do you know someone who doesn't have a computer? Are you frustrated by trying to send email to people who are always home but never seem to be online?

Presto is a creative alternative that allows you to receive email without going online. Using the HP Printing Mailbox, Presto's service makes it possible for tech-weary people to receive email and photos without even owning a computer or having access to the Internet. Now you can send beautifully colored digital photos and informative emails to anyone who doesn't have a computer or the will to use one.

Your grandparents only have to sit back with a good book to receive the pictures of your grandchildren you want to show them. Your best friend who is rarely home and never online might be more inclined to read your messages if she can simply pick them up in paper form. Even your Luddite uncle who doesn't believe in phones or computers might be swayed by this amazing machine that serves as a convenient communication alternative.

The installation is simple: one plug for the power, one for the phone line.

Friends and family can use your new Presto email address to send unlimited email messages and photos to the HP Printing Mailbox just like they normally would from their own computers and mobile phones. Of course, you can even send messages from your own email address to your Presto address. It's that simple!

Presto formats your received email messages and pictures into a variety of artistic designs and alters font sizes to accommodate greater reading facility. You don't have to worry about spam because Presto only receives messages sent by people you know. You can compile a list of approved persons who can send you messages via Presto. Up to five times per day, you can even choose when you prefer the HP Printing Mailbox to deliver messages.

When needed, you can use the Presto website for easy account management, including viewing ink/paper status and adding addresses to your friends list. Furthermore, you can request no-cost

delivery of articles, recipes, puzzles, and games—ad-free—from publications such as *Better Homes and Gardens* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

The Presto service uses a standard phone line. The HP Printing Mailbox uses regular white paper, has an input capacity of 50 sheets, has an output capacity of 25 sheets, and prints 10 pages per minute at 600 x 600 dpi.

The HP Printing Mailbox retails for \$149.99 and includes a color print cartridge, a paper starter pack, and a 60-day guarantee. A \$9.99 monthly fee is required for the Presto service. To learn more, please visit www.presto.com.

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