

Let this tiny bean bag chair for your lap hold your heavy handhelds

Doomscrolling isn't going away any time soon, but there's no reason you can't be comfortable while doing it. Mechanism's \$59 Gaming Pillow is designed to shift the weight of gadgets like handheld consoles, tablets, XL smartphones, and e-readers from your arms to your lap.

With a 12-inch pillow made from lycra fabric filled with foam granules as its base, the Gaming Pillow looks like a miniature bean bag chair and should be malleable enough to stay upright even when plopped down on uneven surfaces.

It's primarily designed for use on your lap to keep an attached console in arm's reach and playable, but if even lifting your arms feels like a Herculean task, you can prop the pillow up on its own next to you in bed and go truly hands-free to read or watch devices that require minimal physical interactions.

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The squishy base is topped with a pair of mounts. One can be used to securely hold a portable charger upgraded with one of the company's adhesive mounts, while the other features a short articulated arm that ends in a ball joint. The company sells custom clamp-on grips for the Valve Steam Deck, Nintendo Switch, ROG Ally, and the PS Portal, or you can get a universal grip for other devices (you get one grip free with

the base).

Although succumbing to a hands-free device mount like the Gaming Pillow can make you feel like you're maybe spending a bit too much time escaping through a device, a quick Amazon search reveals hundreds of similar solutions. What sets the Gaming Pillow apart is that it positions a handheld where gamers would naturally hold it while sprawled out on a couch or bed, but with enough portability so that when company arrives unannounced, you can quickly hide it away in a closet.

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