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## Electric Shisha is Becoming a Trend in 2024

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The timeless tradition of shisha, also known as hookah, has been a leading means of leisure across many cultures. Traditional shisha, on the other hand, has disadvantages such as cumbersome equipment, a charcoal mess, and significant health risks. This is where electric shisha steps in as a recent innovation, making a splash in the smoking industry, especially in 2024. In this article, we'll explore why electric shisha has become so popular this year.

## Convenience Takes Center Stage: Ditch the Coals, Embrace Portability

Traditional shisha setups require coals, hoses, and specialized equipment, which makes them cumbersome and inconvenient. Setting up and dismantling a traditional shisha can be time-consuming, and the risk of burning yourself on hot coals is always present. Electric shisha, on the other hand, is intended for maximum convenience. These devices are often battery-powered and come pre-filled with flavored vape liquids, avoiding the need for dirty coals and complex settings.

Electric shisha can enable you to enjoy compelling shisha together with your friends on the roof without any charcoal or other equipment. This makes vape devices portable and convenient to use wherever you go from business meetings to parties and outdoors events. Whether you are at a beach, at a friend's house, or having dinner at restaurant with an area dedicated to shisha, electric shisha comes to the rescue.

## A Flavor Explosion: Beyond the Classics, a World of Options Awaits

Electronic shisha offers numerous tastes, and sometimes those offered are many more than traditional shisha. These flavors include the most common ones such as fruits and mint, and the exotic ones like candies, desserts, and cocktails. **Electric shisha** has the advantage of consistent and reliable taste unlike the normal shisha which its taste may be affected by the charring of coals. Each puff produces the burst of the selected flavor, which gives one the opportunity to enjoy the variety of delightful flavors. With electric shisha, you are able to go on a flavor journey and have a comprehensive list of options that are unique and different. Pure enthusiasts who still enjoy the familiar taste of traditional fruits, or experimental novices who want to try new unexplored tastes should definitely try electric shisha because it is a never-ending story of a number of opportunities and offers to pamper your taste buds.

## A Shift Towards Wellness: A Perceived Healthier Alternative

While not completely risk-free, electric shisha is frequently regarded as a healthier option than

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traditional shisha. This is because they do not involve the use of tobacco or charcoal, both of which are proven carcinogens. The absence of combustion eliminates a major health risk linked with traditional shisha. However, it is essential to realize that the health consequences of utilizing ecigarettes and similar instruments in the long run are still being investigated. Electric shisha enables the user to have flavored hookah smoke without having to burn tobacco or charcoal in the process. However, it is important to establish that safe use and awareness of risks to health remain a factor for consideration.

# The Social Aspect Endures: Sharing the Experience, Building Connections

Shisha has always been a **social activity**, and electric shisha retains that feature. It enables a shared experience with others, allowing numerous users to enjoy different **shisha flavors** on the same device. Unlike conventional shisha setups, which might be difficult to share, electric shisha machines are frequently intended for multi-person use. This develops a sense of connection and allows you and your companions to freely converse and laugh while sharing a wonderful experience.

## Innovation Drives the Future: Technology Meets Consumer Demand

The technology for electric shisha is continually changing. Manufacturers are working to improve battery life, provide more efficient heating elements, and build leak-proof designs. This commitment to innovation results in a more delightful experience for customers. Longer battery life enables extended use without the need for frequent recharging. Efficient heating components deliver a steady and smooth vapor experience, while leak-proof features avoid nasty mishaps and ensure a **cleaner environment**.

Electric shisha is transforming how people enjoy flavored smoking experiences. Its compact size, variety of flavors, and supposed health benefits will drive its popularity in 2024. Whether you're a seasoned shisha aficionado or just curious about this new trend, electric shisha provides a novel and delectable alternative worth trying, with the awareness that responsible use and a focus on overall health should always be prioritized.

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## Personalized School Supplies: Adding a Unique Touch

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Most of us can still recall the pleasure of buying school supplies at the start of a new school year. The excitement of selecting brand-new notebooks, vibrant pencils, and a bag that, oddly, felt more like a fashion statement than a functional one is unmatched. Consider stepping things up a level with personalized study aids, stationery, school supplies, and accessories that are not only more useful but also distinctively yours.

This level of personalization **helps you stand out** in a sea of generic supplies and better reflect your personality, style, and interests, making the rather mundane monotony of school just a little more bearable.

Plus, there's a practical side to all this: there will be no more mix-ups with classmates' items and fewer chances of you losing your stuff.

## Simple Ways to Customize

Customization often connotes being too expensive, exclusive, or elitist, but this is far from the case. Customization and personalized school supplies would barely increase your budget by a few basis points.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- **Decals & Stickers:** Stickers and decals are the simplest way to add your touch to your laptops, binders, and notebooks. Everybody can find a sticker with motivational phrases and cute animals.
- **Monogramming:** Your initials can add a sophisticated touch to your products. Many internet retailers provide monogramming for items like backpacks and pencil bags.
- **Handmade Covers:** For creative book covers, use fabric, old magazines, or wrapping paper. This is an excellent method for reusing resources and exercising your imagination.
- **Personalized Labels:** Whether they are printed out or purchased already, labels with your name or a creative design may keep your supplies visible and well-organized.

## Where to Get Personalized School Supplies?

If DIY isn't your thing, plenty of retailers offer personalized school supplies. Here are a few sites worth visiting:

- **Etsy:** Nothing compares to Etsy for handcrafted, **customized goods.** Everything is available, including custom pencil cases and planners.
- **Zazzle:** For a genuinely unique experience, you may add your designs to Zazzle's extensive collection of customizable products.
- **Minted:** This company sells personalized notebooks, stationery, and even teacher gifts, making it ideal for elegant and sophisticated supplies.

These are just a few alternatives kids now have while searching for personalized supplies. A quick search should reveal a dozen more, which may be better suited to your requirements.

Customizing your school supplies isn't just about aesthetics; it has several practical benefits.

Here's a snapshot of how customizing your school supplies offers practical benefits:

- **Boosts Motivation:** Little things count when you're initially starting off the school year, and personalized materials do play a part in increasing motivation.
- Enhances Organization: Personalized goods are simpler to locate and are less likely to be misplaced or confused for someone else's.
- Encourages Creativity: Creating and customizing individual supplies can help you express your creativity, and it's a terrific way to decompress from demanding homework assignments.

### Get Started With Personalization

Here are some points you can follow when getting started with personalization:

- **Start Small:** If personalization is new to you, start with a few products, such as a pencil case or notebook. After you get the hang of it, you can move on to more ambitious projects.
- Use Online Tools: You can make unique labels, covers, and more with the help of simple-to-use design tools available on websites like Canva.
- Enjoy Yourself: Personalization is about expressing who you are, so be creative and have fun.

#### Wrapping Up

Personalized school supplies can transform your everyday study routine into something special.

Whether you're heading back to school, starting a new job, or love stationery, adding a unique touch to your items can boost motivation, enhance organization, and make your supplies yours.

So grab some stickers, fire up that DIY spirit, or check out some custom options online. Your perfect, personalized school supplies await!

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# Women's Hoodies: 5 Ways to Enhance Comfort and Style

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Women love hoodies for their trendy, comfortable, and versatile nature. When styled correctly, they effortlessly suit any occasion, from casual outings and sports events to relaxed evenings at home or even dinners.

To elevate your hoodie styling, consider incorporating different accessories, footwear, and layering techniques. Exploring various color combinations and fabric choices can also make a big difference. The key is to align your hoodie style with your personal taste and the occasion.

#### **5** Best Tips for Styling Women's Hoodies

Learning how to style your favorite hoodie is important for achieving a **fashionable appearance**. Your style should genuinely reflect who you are.

Here are five tips to enhance your hoodie styling game:

#### 1. Rely on Layering

You should wear them to layer. That way, your hoodies will be stand-out pieces. They will be more attractive and have a better style quotient. You can wear your hoodies differently to get the desired effect and look by layering them.

You can wear a shirt under it if you really want that relaxed, casual look. Now, put a fitted blazer, double-breasted coat, leather jacket, or denim jacket over the hoodie for a more dressed-up version. It adds more style and sophistication to your overall attire.

However, when it comes to blazers, you must ensure that they are subtle in color, as this will give your outfit a richness that cannot be found otherwise.

#### 2. Remember to Accessorize

When styling your women's hoodie, **essential accessories** will help you improve your final look. To get this benefit, consider wearing watches, earrings, belts, scarves, rings, and caps to elevate your style.

For a relaxed look, complement your hoodie with hoop earrings. Accessorize your hoodie with layered necklaces, danglers, and a chic watch for a more festive look.

Additionally, you can opt to accent your hoodie with bright colors or a monochromatic style.

#### 3. Mix and Match

To style your women's hoodie, you can pair it with bottoms like jeans, pants, trousers, shorts, and skirts. Play between these combinations to find the one that matches you and the purpose for which you are getting dressed-up.

For example, for dinner, wear your hoodie with black denim and a dark-wash denim jacket. You can also accessorize it with a skirt if you want to look cute.

Try tucking it in while wearing your hoodie with several bottoms to create a more attractive silhouette that accentuates your natural figure. To add variation and intrigue to your ensemble, pair your hoodie with bottoms made of materials distinct from yours.

#### 4. Play of Colors

Another way to style your hoodie is to experiment with color. For instance, pair a brightly colored hoodie with neutral-hued jeans for a lively style.

On the other hand, one of the greatest looks for parties and formal occasions is to go monochromatic by matching your sweatshirt with your pants for a sophisticated appearance.

Regardless of the color combinations you choose, your finished look will be striking and make a big impression.

#### 5. Use the Correct Footwear

Choosing the right footwear is important for perfectly styling your women's hoodie. It gives your ensemble the finishing touch that perfectly ties everything together. For a laid-back evening, wear your shoes with your hoodie.

On the other hand, pair your hoodie with heels or ballerinas to boost your entire look for a party or formal occasion.

For a street-style look, you can also wear your hoodie with boots or loafers. Finally, your shoes can enhance the color of your ensemble and your entire appearance.

#### Wrapping Up

**Women's hoodies** are versatile, stylish, and cozy. As a result, they can be dressed for a variety of occasions, including dinner parties, formal occasions, sporting events, and just lounging around the house.

Women's hoodies are made of different materials, colors, and patterns. Additionally, they may be skin-fitting, enormous, or loose-fitting. Every woman often possesses a variety of hoodie types to suit her various needs and moods.

Make sure you try different combinations, layering, accessorizing, and mixing and matching to see what suits the event and your own style the best. You may enhance your hoodie game and take advantage of a stylish and adaptable wardrobe classic by experimenting with color and selecting the appropriate shoes.

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## **Showing Initiative**

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Nascent choreography in Irvine; art that moves in Huntington Beach; Japanese folk dance in West LA; ballet star turn in Beverly Hills; contemporary ballet in Thousand Oaks, more SoCal dance this week, plus a peek at next week.

### Live This Week

#### What dancers do in the summer

For two decades, *National Choreographers Initiative (NCI)* artistic director Molly Lynch consistently has demonstrated her knack for incubating new choreography. Each summer, Lynch deftly assembles four choreographers with 16 dancers to produce new danceworks over an intense three weeks. That three-week product generally is not a polished final, but always realizes on dancers' bodies the dancemakers' ideas. The one night culminating performance often proves a first look at works that later become part of the repertoire of professional companies. The choreographers this year are Charles Askegard, Cherise Barton, DaYoung Jung, and Donna Salgado. The dancers, most on summer hiatus from professional ballet companies, include Iori Araya, Anwen Brown, Colin Canavan, Robert Fulton, Celeste Gaiera, Brooke Gilliam, Joseph Hetzer, Amelia Grubb Hillman, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Kanning, Daniel Kubr, Ahna Lipchik, Wyatt Pendleton, Sean Sessions, Hunter Solomon, Emily Speed and Nathan Young. The evening invariably sells out, but there is also a livestream option. Irvine Barclay, UC Irvine, 4242 Campus Dr., Irvine; Sat., July 27, 8 pm, \$23-\$64, livestream \$23. Irvine Barclay.



National Choreographers Initiative. Photo by Dave Friedman

### **Perpetual motion**

Artistic director Anthony Aceves and his Akomi Dance collaborated with choreographer Marie

Hoffman and Surf City Still Works for *Peace(is): a movement art installation*. Set to seven spoken word poems from Shane Koyczan, the press material for this one-night event promises an evening in constant motion, a kind of audience walkabout viewable from different physical angles. The meandering includes access to a Speakeasy with the opportunity to chat with performers, plus purchasable cocktails and appetizers. VIP tickets include a post-show 4-spirit tasting experience. Surf City Still Works, 16561 Gemini Lane, Huntington Beach; Sat., July 27, 6 pm, \$60-\$75. Eventbrite.



Akomi Dance. Photo courtesy of the artists

## Moonlighting

Most days, **Herman Cornejo** is a principal dancer with American Ballet Theatre, this weekend he joins **Muse/ique** as both dancer and choreographer, for a program exploring the making of Rogers and Hammerstein's groundbreaking musical *Oklahoma*. The program of dance, music and song is the latest led by conductor/musical director Rachel Worby. The Wallis, 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills; Fri.-Sat., 7:30 pm, Sun., 2:30 & 7:30 pm, \$50-\$75. The Wallis.





## Dancing thru history

Four ballets from choreographers Maté Szentes, Christina Ghiardi, Anthony Cannarella, Isabella Velasquez, and **Ballet Project OC** artistic director Ally Helman trace the art's evolution in *Eras of Dance III*. The dancers taking ballet from the Baroque to the contemporary include Camille Kellems, Julianne Kinasiewicz, Madeline McMillin, Cleo Taneja, Mackenna Pieper and Sarah Hurty. Bank of America Performing Arts Center, 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks; Sat., July 26, 7 pm, \$36-\$66. Ticketmaster, Ballet Project OC.



Ballet Project OC. Photo by Jack Hartin

### Festival folk dance

Somewhat reminiscent of Mexico's *Day of the Dead* event in November, the Japanese Buddhist *Obon Festival* honors ancestral spirits and pays respect to the dead. SoCal Buddhist temples celebrate on various dates this summer, providing multiple opportunities throughout SoCal

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to view Japanese folk dancing. This week, a West LA temple hosts its 74<sup>th</sup> Obon Festival with dancing at 6:30pm each day plus taiko drumming, games, food, and some ceremonial moments. West LA Buddhist Temple, 2003 Corinth Ave., West LA; Sat., July 27, 4-10 pm, Sun., July 28, 3-9 pm, (folk dancing at 6:30 pm both days), free admission, games and food for purchase. West LA Buddhist Temple.



Japanese folk dancers. Photo courtesy of the artists

## Summer dancing

Part performance, part participatory event, the free, al fresco summer series **Dance DTLA** continues this week with *Line Dance*. A beginner/refresher lesson at 7 pm is followed by a chance to dance or just watch and enjoy until 11 pm. If this week is not your style, the full line up of upcoming dance options is at the website. Music Center, Jerry Moss Plaza, 135 N. Grand Ave., downtown; Fri., July 26, 7 pm, free. Music Center | Dance DTLA.



Dance DTLA. Photo courtesy of the Music Center.

## A Peek at Next Week (08-02 to 8)

Makoto Matsui & Company — Arigato Little Tokyo (Thank You Little Tokyo) at Aratani Theatre,

Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; Sun., Aug. 4, 2 pm, \$35. arigatolittletokyo@gmail.com.

Mercedes de Córdoba — Ser..ni conmigo ni sin mí (Being..neither with me nor without me), Flamenco Arts Festival at Lobrero Theater, 33 E. Canon Perdido St., Santa Barbara; Fri., Aug. 2, 7:30 pm, \$51-\$151. Flamenco Arts Festival.

**Forever Flamenco** at The Fountain Theatre, 5060 Fountain Ave., Silverlake; Sat., Aug. 3, 8 pm, \$40-\$50, \$35 seniors, \$25 students. Fountain Theatre.



Reyes Barrios with Forever Flamenco. Photo courtesy of the artist

**Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana** — *About Symphonic Tango & Flamenco* at the Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood; Thurs., Aug. 8, 8 pm., \$13-\$142. Hollywood Bowl.

**High Voltage** at the Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice; Fri., Aug. 2, 8 pm, \$10. Electric Lodge.

Max 10 at the Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice; Mon., Aug. 5, 7:30 pm, \$10. Electric Lodge.

**Dance DTLA** — *Samba* at the Music Center, Jerry Moss Plaza, 135 N. Grand Ave., downtown; Fri., Aug. 2, 7 pm, free. Music Center | Dance DTLA.

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