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Must-Have Gear for Spring and Summer

Featuring: Hornet 46

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From finless surfboards to minimalist footwear, 2011's spring and summer gear is all about stripping away the adornments and perfecting the basics. The season's best new equipment and travel tech enhance without distracting—a refreshing return to well-considered simplicity.

Osprey's svelte 46-liter Hornet backpack is so light and compact that at first glance you might think it's little more than a daypack best suited for casual meanderings. But the pack easily expands and stretches to transform into a smartly designed overnighiter. Two elements make this a great weekender: First, the careful use of lightweight fabrics and materials keeps the weight at a pound and a half, and second, the judicious use of flexible mesh means you can fill the top loader with essential items and stuff the extras into the large, stretchy side and front pockets (\$159; www.ospreypacks.com).

