6 accessories to improve the ski experience

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Sometimes a simple \$25 accessory can change your skiing or snowboarding experience as much as a \$500 private lesson.

At least, that's what I learned a few years ago in Vail. After a few trips up and down the slopes for an hour with one of the area's top instructors, the most useful thing she taught me wasn't to shift my weight or lean forward or commit to my turns earlier—though each of those skills would stay with me for years to come.

More important was another lesson I learned that day: I was wearing the wrong socks.

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