



At Home with Rob & Robin



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Home Theaters: High-Definition Fun and Convenience

Compared to the experience of a movie theater, watching films on your television can be pretty boring. In a movie theater, you are surrounded by the music, dialogue, and sound effects, thanks to the surround-sound system. The large screen and dark room allow you to completely immerse yourself in the film. And the clear images make the details sharper and more realistic. The same movie seen on your television is a poor comparison. Yet, the television in your living room provides you privacy and comfort, something rarely found in a typical movie theater.

So why not create your own theater? Your own home theater. It's not as difficult as it sounds, and with all of the latest developments in high-definition programming and DVDs, the benefits are greater than ever. By installing a home theater system in a room designed to provide you the theater experience, you can recreate the feeling of the movie theater in the comfort and privacy of your own home.

The simplest home theater system requires little more than surround-speakers and a large-screen, high-definition television. The components can be purchased as a package at your local electronics store, or individually, to meet your specific wants and needs. Larger and more advanced systems may include a high-definition rear projector with a very large screen, and advanced sound system components. Do not forget to save some of your budget for quality cables to connect your different components. If you are not comfortable installing the equipment yourself, many home electronics stores offer complete set-up and installation. The more you invest in the system, the closer to the theater experience you will get.



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Some homeowners install features like luxury theater chairs, wet bars, snack preparation areas, cabinetry systems, and light dimmers in their family room or basement to further their theater experience. The most avid movie fans, however, will not be satisfied without a full-room addition for their home theaters where the screen, speakers, and other electronics can be built in.

Once your home theater is in place, all you have to do is select the movie and make the popcorn!

Seasonal Reminder: Inspect your Fire Extinguishers

Every home should have a fire extinguisher for the safety of you and your family. Make sure your extinguisher is not blocked by coats, boxes, or other objects. Inspect the canister for dents or rust. Also, check that the pressure is at the recommended level and there are no leaks. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when dealing with fire extinguishers. If you are not sure whether your fire extinguisher is working properly, replace it or have it serviced.

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