



The Theater Comes Home

For decades, people have tried to recreate the theater experience at home. Video Cassette Recorders made it possible to rent, own and watch movies at home, causing a upsurge in home video libraries. Today, with theaters trying desperately to stay in the black and home entertainment winning over, home theater systems are simply the next step of this evolution.

You can create a home theater as basic or extravagant as you desire. The key to duplicating a theater-like experience lies in its surround sound system, receiver, subwoofer, large viewing screen and atmosphere. Home owners are building personal theaters onto their existing structure or converting family rooms and basements. Some take the do-it-yourself approach, while others hire professional technicians and home theater architects to create an atmosphere most of us only see on Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous, complete with reclining theater seats, curtains, statues, towers, tiered seating and floor lighting.

Minimally, you'll need a clear, large-screen television measuring at least 27 inches across, four speakers, surround-sound signal splitting equipment and a movie player or projector. This equipment should reside in an adequately sized, dark, enclosed space with carpeting for optimal acoustics. While \$500 will afford a decent speaker system and DVD player for your existing television, \$35,000 or more will afford a massive projection television with built in speakers and real, ground-bolted theater seating. Add construction of a new theater room, and you're looking at well over \$100,000. This goes even higher when you include professional, custom interior design and technical staffing to wire your new technology.

The center of your home theater system is your receiver, which receives signals from your DVD player or VCR, sending them to your television and speakers. Some receivers have a DVD player built-in. Speakers are located equally in front and behind you, so sounds that come from the left actually play out of the left speakers. For optimal sound quality, you should use identical, full-sized front speakers. THX® certified system standards are set by LucasFilms, offering some of the highest quality home theater sound standards and theater sound recreation.

If you're wiring and developing a home theater system yourself, consider in-wall or ceiling loudspeakers instead of using floor units, establish properly located plugs, construct an in-wall equipment racking and wire the room with dimmer lighting at the start to avoid re-work.

Regardless of space limitations, American homes are glowing with the convenience and comfort of personal theater systems. So lean back and click play.

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