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Dim the lights and queue up your favorite film, the best theater experience is now right in your living room.

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> Sony SXRD KDS-R70XBR2

Sometimes bigger is better. When a 42- or 50-inch television just isn't cutting it, pick up one of these slender beauties. The KDS-R70XBR2 offers more than two million native pixels, a whopping 70 inches of screen real estate, TV Guide's onscreen program directory, and true HD quality right out of the box. The speakers on the sides of the KDS-R70XBR2 are removable if you want a sleeker look. You could head out to the local AMC, but why bother? Priced at \$7,800 and available at sonystyle.com.



> TiVo Series2 DT DVR

Watch what you want, when you want, without commercials. TiVo records your favorite shows and plays them back on your schedule. For several years, TiVo let you rewind and pause live television and skip right through the annoying ads. The latest Series2 DT records two shows simultaneously. Can't decide between America's Got Talent and So You Think You Can Dance? Don't. With the Series2 DT, you can record both and indulge in your favorite guilty pleasures when no one else is looking. A 180-hour hard drive holds all of your recordings and it even tapes while you're not at home via the Internet or select Verizon Wireless phones. Priced at \$349 and available at Tivo.com.

> Kaleidescape System

If you're a music and movie buff and are tired of sorting through stacks of DVDs and CDs, here's your solution. Store and automatically catalog all of your media with this ingenious device. A single Kaleidescape Server can store approximately 10,000 music CDs and it distributes content throughout your home. This package includes a server, movie player, and reader. Want even more movies? You can expand your collection immensely with prepackaged movie collections (each containing hundreds of titles). Prices start at \$22,000, available at kaleidescape.com.



Kaleidescape System photo by Achille Bigliardi

> Crestron Isys i/O TPMC-4X WiFi Handheld Touchpanel

Lose the stack of remotes cluttering your couch and step into the 21st century with the TPMC-4X WiFi Handheld Touchpanel.* This device manages your home with the push of a button. It features a 3.5-inch touchscreen and controls your home theater, lights, HVAC, and shades from anywhere in the house. WiFi makes it possible to view and set temperatures from another room, control an audio server, or even play your iPod remotely. With the TPMC-4X in hand, you may never have to get up again. Priced at \$1,995; available at crestron.com.

*part of a Crestron Home Automation system that requires programming and installation by an authorized Crestron dealer.



> Samsung BD-P1000

What's the point of a high-def TV if you're not watching programs in HD? Samsung's new BD-P1000 offers the next generation of home entertainment. The BD-P1000 plays Blu-ray discs, which offer five times the resolution of regular DVDs. Pop one in and prepare to be blown away. Don't worry about the huge DVD library that you've built up over the years; the BD-P1000 will play all of your favorite flicks and convert them into high definition. In addition to Blu-ray discs and DVDs, it also includes a memory card reader so that you can pop in your card and create an impromptu slideshow on your plasma. Priced at \$999 and available at samsungusa.com.

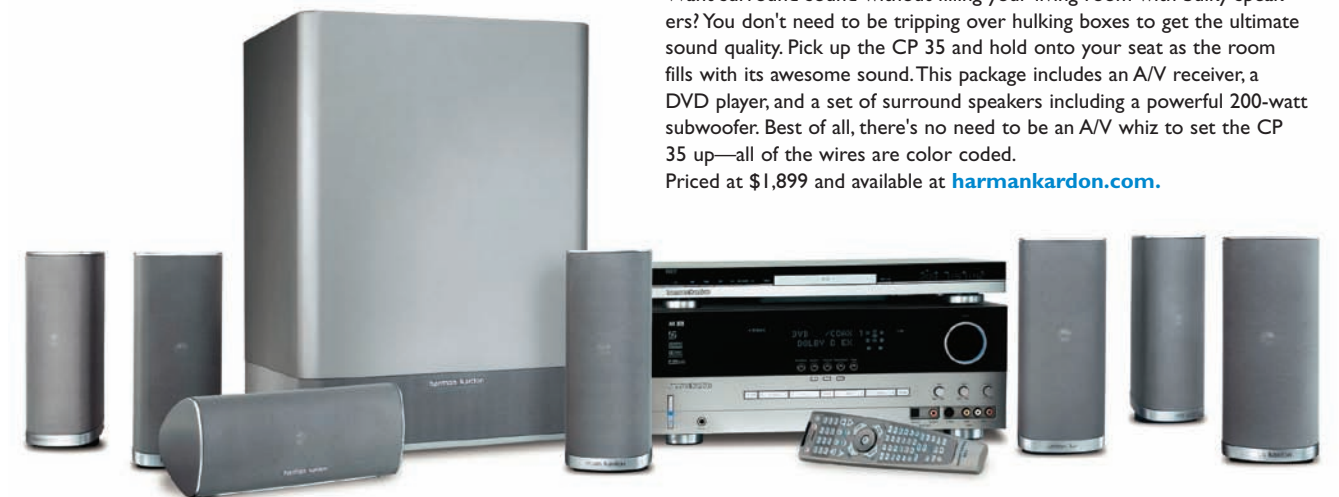
> Philips Ambilight Full Surround

Mom was onto something when she worried about what the TV would do to your eyes. Calm her nerves with Philips' latest plasmas, which offer backlighting on three sides to alleviate eye strain and help you focus in even the darkest rooms. The Ambilight Full Surround produces soft complementary colors behind the TV to make the picture appear larger and improve the contrast. Fancy light shows aren't all this set can do. The Ambilight Full Surround offers true HD viewing, memory-card slots, and even a USB port to connect your digital camera or USB Thumbdrive. Priced between \$2,999 (42 inch) and \$3,999 (50 inch); available at consumer.philips.com.



> Harman Kardon CP 35

Want surround sound without filling your living room with bulky speakers? You don't need to be tripping over hulking boxes to get the ultimate sound quality. Pick up the CP 35 and hold onto your seat as the room fills with its awesome sound. This package includes an A/V receiver, a DVD player, and a set of surround speakers including a powerful 200-watt subwoofer. Best of all, there's no need to be an A/V whiz to set the CP 35 up—all of the wires are color coded. Priced at \$1,899 and available at harmankardon.com.



He who dies with the most toys wins.