



Home Theater Planning and Design Guide, HomeCinemas Design Publishing Books, HomeCinemas Design Publishing Books, 2006, 0978634411, 9780978634414, . This guide is intended for homeowners interested in bringing the visual, audio and décor magic of movie theaters to their home. The book presents basic planning and design techniques for dedicated home theater spaces in an easy to read, color-rich graphical format..

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Build Your Own Home Theater , John J. Adams, Robert Wolenik, 2001, House & Home, 304 pages. Written to provide information on all price ranges of equipment to everyone from the beginner to the experienced home theater owner, Build Your Own Home Theater has been

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Auto Sound Systems Made Easy , Wings Of Success, , , . .

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Technical Theater for Nontechnical People , Drew Campbell, 2004, Performing Arts, 273 pages. Completely updated to reflect state-of-the-art standards in today's fast-changing theater technology, Technical Theater for Nontechnical People helps actors, dancers, playwrights

Home Theater , F. Keith Johnson, , , . .

The Home Theater Companion Buying, Installing, and Using Today's Audio-visual Equipment, Howard Ferstler, 1997, , 437 pages. Covers speakers, amplifiers, preamplifiers, tuners, receivers, televisions, monitors, CDs, VCRs, laser disc players, DVD players, and surround sound.

Entertainment Rooms Home Theaters, Bars, & Game Rooms, Tina Skinner, Mar 31, 2010, , 160 pages. If you are contemplating a stay-cation this year, you might want to pump a little money into your resort. Perhaps an upgrade of your TV room to home theater, or the addition of

Home Automation and Wiring , James Gerhart, 1999, Reference, 322 pages. * The complete guide to installing automated systems in new and remodeled buildings * Provides troubleshooting tips on installation, maintenance, and repair * How to use this

Home Theater for Everyone A Practical Guide to Today's Home Entertainment Systems, Robert Harley, Apr 1, 2002, , 252 pages. A home entertainment system is among the most expensive purchases a household will make. This book provides the information consumers need to choose, install, and use home

101 Ways to Make More Space Stylish Home Ideas, Julie Savill, May 1, 2004, , 224 pages. From clearing the clutter to handling storage issues, the many space-saving projects come complete with descriptions and illustrations..

Working Space The Milwaukee Repertory Theater Builds a Home, Sara O'Connor, Jan 1, 1992, Architecture, 109 pages. The managing director and the architect recount the eight-year process by which the Milwaukee Repertory Theater converted a landmark former power plant into a state-of-the-art

"Home Theater Design is the comprehensive guide to planning all types of entertainment spaces in the home. Author Krissy Rushing talks about everything from how to choose and place acoustic and

audio/visual systems to their best advantage; how to plan a home theater or music room; and how to display, store, and care for all types of media formats. But this book isn't only about the technicalities of home theater design; it looks at the aesthetics, too--it takes a "whole interior" approach to home entertaining. The book offers information on a variety of design considerations--furnishings, comfort, setting up entertainment spaces, hosting get-togethers, accommodating guests--all factoring in style, functionality, new technology, acoustic planning, soundproofing, lighting, and environmental and personal health considerations.

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Krissy Rushing is the executive and entertainment editor of *Stereophile Guide to Home Theater* and *Home Theater Buyer's Guide*, former executive editor of *Home Theater* magazine and *Digital Home Entertainment*. With an in-depth knowledge of mid-level and high-end systems, along with A/V architecture and design integration, audio/video componentry, home automation, and digital technology, Ms. Rushing has been a frequent contributor to other high-tech publications including *Wired* and *Audio/Video Interiors*.

Starting with a "whole interior" approach to home entertaining, the book takes readers step by step through an examination of current technology, space planning, acoustics, functionality, lifestyle, and overall aesthetics with the goal of planning and designing an entertainment system that's right for you. All types of spaces are addressed, from small urban apartments to spacious, multipurpose living areas to full-blown dedicated theatre spaces.

This book was a huge disappointment for me. After reading a lot on the subject of home theaters and acoustics, I got this book to help me "plan my home theater interior". Unfortunately she doesn't understand what a true home theater is all about. On p.79 she discusses how to create a "bedroom home theater" and breaks the most important home theater rules. One, she puts the TV in front of the windows and doesn't have a single drape to stop the light from flooding in the room. Two, she says "white cabinetry that matches the bed in this room makes the room uniform and relaxing" - though it is common HT knowledge that white reflects light and is the #1 error in home theater design (this is a book about Home Theater Design right?)

In her section on dedicated home theaters, she spends 3/4 of it discussing "Themed rooms" and then says don't design a theme if you think you will tire of it. Yet in this entire section she never, ever discusses what drapes or acoustic fabrics to cover your walls, let alone how important it is not to have flat walls. She mentions on p. 111 to avoid a perfect square and then tells you to find a room that is 30% longer than wide, but neglects to tell you that many rectangles are horrible as well and can be just as bad as a square. There are Internet sites that let you put in your room dimensions and calculate problem areas, but she doesn't reference or write a single word about such things. She never mentions curved walls, columns, cathedral or vaulted ceilings and how any of these may make for a good or bad home theater room.

This is a book written by someone who only knows home theater from the perspective of rich or trendy clients who pay big bucks to have someone else do all the planning. It's also something of an advertising piece to show off very big and expensive (nothing under six figures) home theaters designed by two firms the author repeatedly gives credits to. At the very end she even has a brief interview with the head of one of those firms.

If you're really rolling in the dough and want to see lots of glossy pictures to see how to spend your money, this book is for you. Example: "John and Jane have a wonderful theater space with arched alcoves along the walls. They display their collection of antique vases in each alcove, and use accent lighting to enhance it. They install a crystal chandelier for ambient lighting..."

For everyone else it's a waste of time. It's so limited in text that it didn't take more than a couple hours to read through. Instead of giving you some real planning guides, the author limits herself to glosses of the obvious along with references to the type of professional you'll need to hire (so many - I've never heard of an acoustician before. He came somewhere after the cabinetmaker you'll need to design the housing for the projector).

This book should have been called "Beautiful Interior Designs that Happen to Include some Home Theater Gear", or "Home Theater Style". It's little more than a pretty picture book of impressive-looking rooms that integrate HT gear, and often in a laughable way. The text is fluffy, throwaway stuff that is irritating to read.

The photos are very well done, but often include speakers and other gear set up with no unsightly cables. Of course, without the unsightly cables, there'd be no audio or video, either. I guess that's the main thing that got to me -- if you're going to show a setup with nice speakers and other gear that are out in the room, at least be honest about how to treat cables and make them look as good as possible. Don't just leave them out altogether. It's insulting, and is foolish in a book that is supposedly about HT.

This book has tons of helpful tips about features that you should have in an entertainment room. It helps you learn what accessories to get, but doesn't help much in the way of actually building the room. I was hoping to have some help on how to install a suspended ceiling with the sound-proofing material, or how they recommend to frame an elevated seating platform.

I think the guy below sort of misses the point. The book is not meant for people that are really techy. It is more meant for those who want to add a home theater into their house, but don't know how to do it without making their house look like a cave. My wife LOVED this book, because it showed her how I could buy my plasma, and she could keep her sense of interior decoration. In fact, a lot of the pictures shown DO show compromises because not all people can adhere to the "Strict" rules of home theater that seem to intimidate most people. It's about having fun, embracing technology instead of being frightened by it, like the guy below would want most people to be, and generally making compromises between home theater and interior design. I liked it a lot.

This book looks at the aesthetics, too with a "whole interior" approach to home entertaining. The book offers information on a variety of design considerations - furnishings, comfort, setting up entertainment spaces, hosting get-togethers, accommodating guests - while factoring in style, functionality, new technology, acoustic planning, soundproofing, lighting, and environmental and personal health considerations.

Many agree that books are your only way to research information in a structured and time efficient manner while helping you reach a level of insight no other publication medium can ever achieve. The truth is that at this digital age, books still remain the number one choice for those looking for the right information.

Grab the right set of home theater books that may serve as a valid reference to the world of audio and video, and you are on the fast track to a thorough understanding of all aspects of home theater, from the initial design stage to final implementation. There is one problem though: Selecting the right books from the never ending list of titles covering all sorts of home theater topics is not easy.

In particular, knowledge gained through the right home theater books gives you the potential to evaluate magazine reviews, and even challenge sales talk by company-reps whose main aim is to make you spend money on the company products. Above all, this kind of knowledge helps you build

the necessary level of confidence in whatever decision you have to take concerning your home theater. The issue however remains which books to pick up; the list is incredibly long!

While we have picked what in our opinion represent among the best home theater books, we are also sure there are many others worth considering. If you have some favorite home theater book you would like to talk about, we invite you to submit a short write-up about the book in question by filling the submission form at the end of this page. Your submission will appear as a separate page under this same section.

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