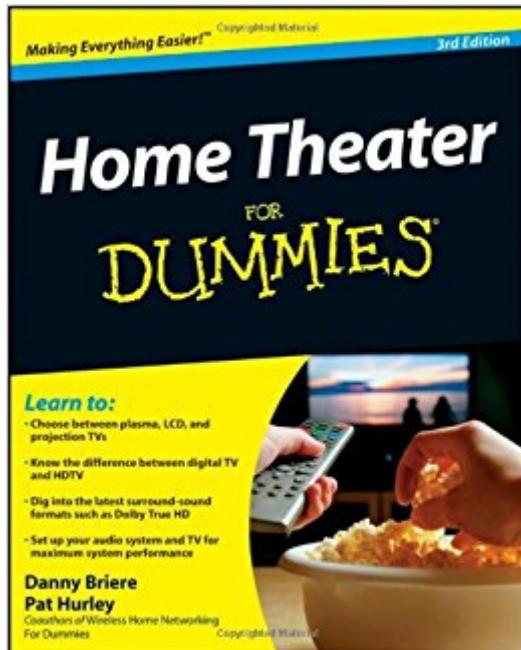


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Home Theater For Dummies



Synopsis

Overwhelmed with big screen TV and home theater audio options? What do you need to build the perfect home theater experience? *Home Theater For Dummies, 3rd Edition* shows you how to plan a home theater system and choose components that fit your budget and your room. Beginning with the most basic information, this guide helps you choose what you need and put it all together. It explains DLP, 3LCD, HDMI, DTV, and HDTV so you can talk intelligently with salespeople at the electronics store. You'll find out about Blu-ray, explore HD and satellite radio options, and see how to incorporate a Wii, Xbox, or Playstation 3 into your set-up. Learn to: Choose among plasma, LCD, and projection TVs Know the difference between digital TV and HDTV Assess and choose an LCD TV, a new 3D TV, or an HD radio Set up your audio system and TV for maximum performance Use a Media Center or Home Theater PC Fine-tune your system and add cool touches such as accessing home theater content from your cell phone Explore HD and satellite radio options, CD players, DVD-Audio disks, and options for old cassettes and vinyl Set up your system with the proper cables for each component, or learn what it takes to go wireless Calibrate your video with a calibration disk, an optical comparator, or a DVD containing THX Optimizer Get the perfect home theater experience by following the expert tips and techniques presented in *Home Theater For Dummies, 3rd Edition*. You'll be watching movies and listening to audio in no time!

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Customer Reviews

This isn't a bad guide, just not what I was looking for. If you want detailed explanations for the

various technologies (HDMI v1 compared to 1.3), this is a decent book. However, I was hoping for a lot more illustrations about how to do things (set up a home theater wiring patch panel, layout speakers for a 7.1 setup). I was amazed at how few illustrations were included. This topic cries out for pictures to illuminate the discussion, and this book just didn't provide any. Also, the book doesn't really help guide you in planning your own home theater. It is more of a pre-shopping guide so that you are better informed than the average sales guy at Best Buy. There's a lot of good information online at places like Crutchfield (with illustrations), so I was hoping for more from something I had to pay money for.

I believe this is the first review of the new Third Edition which just came out in Nov 2008. It has been extensively updated and I highly recommend it. I also own the Second Edition (2006) and did a quick comparison the organization is the same (same chapter headings) but the material has definitely been revised to reflect the fast evolving HT equipment, systems, and media. There's more emphasis on Blu-ray, integration of MCPC's and gaming devices, lossless audio formats, HDMI interconnects, etc, etc. All-in-all this a very comprehensive guide to every aspect of home theater. The book starts with the basics and then layers on more detail in each area. Its a fine reference for anyone who is considering HT, or expanding/upgrading an existing HT.

I am a novice and already had a Mid Level 5.1 installed about 2 years ago - I only really knew how to shut it on and off - now, I understand my A/V rec'r much better, along with many other thing about a theatre.

With the help of this book, I was able to correct mistakes in my setup made by a major electronics store and their retained experts (I avoid names to stay out of trouble). Now, if something goes wrong, I can trouble-shoot and fix, capabilities that I did not have previously. Don't expect, however, to become an expert overnight! This is useful, not a panacea.

I purchased this book from and read it before planning and installing a home theater in my basement. I consider myself already well-informed on this topic, but learned a lot from this book nonetheless. It is well-written and does a good job of explaining some very technical topics. The authors make a number of very specific recommendations that proved invaluable in my decision-making. Highly recommended.

bought book because i wanted to learn about home theaters, in particular audio setup. I was unable to gleen any information regarding setup and positioning of speakers etc. don't purchase if you actually want to learn how to setup a home theater system.

This is the best book! Of course all of the Dummies Books are great. I knew just enough about Home Theaters to be dangerous. This book guided me through equipment, setup and how to adjust the settings to get the most out of your home theater. I bought it for my Kindle and like it so much and wanted to be able to use it as a reference I bought the book also. I would recommend this book to anyone even those that have some experience with home theaters.

As always the "Dummies" book give good basic information and this book did not disappoint me. I was looking for more information on the integration of a HTPC on the self-built system though.

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