

Time-Saving TECH

The best innovations simplify tasks, save time and energy, and help you stay organized. We asked design and technology experts to share the stress-free solutions they can't live without—and how you can seamlessly integrate them into your own home.

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GET STARTED

High-tech solutions require a high-powered network. "The most important thing you can invest in is a strong network—it is the backbone for all the technology in your home," says Giles Sutton, co-CEO of CEDIA, the home technology integration association. "To be able to handle multiple devices, you need more than the router the cable company left in the corner of your home. Depending on how many people and devices the network is supporting, you may need a few things hardwired throughout the home to create the seamless network you desire." Visit cedia.net to find a local technology integrator to help you determine the necessary network updates to meet your household's technology needs.

LOOK, NO HANDS!

Installing a smart faucet is a simple way to boost your kitchen or bath's IQ. Depending on the model, you can control the faucet with a wave of your hand or with a simple tap. "A product like Brizo's SmartTouch faucet is a perfect example of ease of use," says Chicago-area kitchen designer Rebekah Zaveloff. "The smart touch is activated throughout the entire faucet. If you're cutting up chicken for dinner and you need to wash your hands, you can bump the faucet anywhere with an elbow to turn on the water."

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“THERE'S NO REASON TO INCLUDE TECH FOR TECH'S SAKE. YOU WANT TECHNOLOGY THAT IMPROVES YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE.”

—REBEKAH ZAVELOFF,
COFOUNDER AND
PRINCIPAL DESIGNER OF
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