

THE FUTURE OF THE LIVING ROOM

OVER TIME, WITH GREATER ADVANCEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY, THE LIVING ROOM HAS CHANGED THE MOST IN THE WAY APPLIANCES ARE OPERATED AND PLACED. WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE LIVING ROOM OF THE FUTURE.

CURVED DISPLAY SMART TV'S

Samsung's curved smart TV offers incredible viewing angles, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth and is the definition of a "smart" appliance. It's smarter than the computer that landed a man on the moon.



HIGH END AUDIO SYSTEM

High end stereo systems don't come better than the Bang & Olufsen Beolab series. Steep prices, but what you get is the best sound this side of a front row seat at a Berlin Philharmonic show.



ALL-CONTROLLING HUBS

Samsung's SmartThings is so smart, you can leave everything up to it. Can detect intruders, change the lighting to suit the weather and your mood, and play your favourite tunes. It can also heat up your dinner.



ROBOT ASSISTANT

Meet Jibo. He responds to voice commands, remembers faces and preferences and will tell you "he" loves you when you most need it. It's more cute than useful, but who cares?



The aptly named Ivesi Sleek takes voice commands and answers questions, much like Apple's Siri. Its more than an alarm, and has the ability to control other compatible devices. It'll also play your music and give you up to date weather and traffic reports.

HIGH TECH ALARMS

How much of this tech is coming to Bangladesh?

We already have curved display TVs and high end audio, and modern smartphones already allow you to use them as universal remotes for everything from ACs to TVs. The rest of the tech will trickle in over the next few years, and with the strength of the real-estate and home decor markets at present the household tech market will open up and boom real soon.

LIGHT CONTROL

Buy the bulbs, get the app. Control millions of lighting options such as colour, brightness, and sync with the weather or your music. Its a killer system to have for movies and house parties. The Emberlight lets you manually choose every little setting to the lighting of your house for perfect ambient setting.



TEMP CONTROL

Temperature control at your fingertips. The Tado will use your phone's GPS to warm up your phone in winter and turn the AC on in summer, conserving power. Helps you beat after-office exhaustion by application.



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APPS FOR DESIGNERS

iHANDY CARPENTER

iHandy Carpenter is a phone app aiming to do the work of actual physical tools when those are not available. It provides the digital equivalent of the spirit level, steel ruler and plumb bob.

How it works: The user interface is beautifully illustrated to create a premium feel, that is if a humble steel ruler can be an object of premium. It uses the phones built-in accelerometer to detect subtle changes in movement and location. When you don't have your handy tools, it can help to easily set up a photo frame on the wall properly straight.

What it offers: There are five tools, three of which require calibration against a perfect surface to ensure your readings are right. This incidentally defeats the purpose of having these in the app. For example a plumb tool (that pointy metal thing at the end of a rope) is used to ensure walls are going up straight. The app needs to be calibrated against the wall you KNOW to be straight. Two of the five tools (ruler and the protractor) don't rely on calibration.

So it works unless you already have the tools.
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HOMESTYLER INTERIOR DESIGN

Personal home décor projects often involve a lot of guess-work. This app is perfect for those projects where you can't exactly visualise the whole picture in your mind. Homestyler will take your own interior layout and help you stylise with real products.

How it works: Snap a picture of a room to create your own 3D home design. IN that, you place all the furniture and light fixtures you want from a huge available list of products. Then since you're in Bangladesh and most of these products are not available in retail, you go out and try to get something similar. It's a good tool to give you an idea of what a layout could look like so you get the picture, quite literally.

Bonus: There's a large gallery of pics, articles and tips, mostly visual because that's the best way for us inattentive people of the 2000's to absorb information. There are also portfolio pages of many designers.

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