

Ask a Pro

How to plan a home theater

WANT TO WATCH MOVIES IN A THEATER ROOM? START BY SETTING THE MOOD AND BUDGET

- Identify the room or area for your home theater.
- Use a custom home theater company for planning, equipment and advice.
- Decide on the room's purpose. Will it include a pool table or other items?
- Determine the budget. Theater rooms can cost from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the most basic equipment and furnishings.
- Get the room's measurements and layout before you shop.
- Decide on audio/speaker placement. Should you hear sound in other rooms?
- Decide on lighting. The room will need to be fairly dark. How will you adjust this?
- Do you want to see or conceal the audio/video equipment.
- Do you want one remote to control all aspects of the room?
- Allow 30–45 days to deliver and install equipment. Furniture can take longer.



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WHAT KIND OF SEATING AND TECHNOLOGY WORKS BEST IN TODAY'S HOME THEATER?



Owner Jim Winkler

Jim Winkler, owner, **Leather Shoppes Inc.**

"You can do two to three rows of dedicated seating for that true movie theater effect. Many are now mixing in curved sofas or sectionals with some recliners to make for a more relaxed setting.

"A popular item is an all-in-one remote control. Our customers do not like having multiple remotes to operate everything and no place to put them all. We can program the touch-screen models to have everything turn on at once even the lights if desired."