Your digital home

Beat the credit crunch with Best Buys that bring digital home entertainment to life

reating a digital home entertainment setup is cheaper than you might think. We've picked Best Buy TVs, home cinema and DVD players for this issue – and you can use www.which.co.uk and our free price comparison site www.whichcompare.co.uk to add to your digital home.

For TV entertainment, a Blu-ray player delivers HD movies at a low price. If you want to record digital TV, then grab a Best Buy PVR. For TV shows that you want to archive, a DVD recorder can record to discs. It isn't just about visuals – digital audio products can add depth and versatility to your home. A micro hi-fi system may be small and unobtrusive, but that doesn't mean it's small on sound. If you just want the latest digital radio broadcasts, then a DAB radio will fit the bill.

Digital living is also about sharing – and a Best Buy digital photo frame will help you show off lots of digital snaps, while a digital cordless phone will help you stay in touch.

For more on setting up a digital home, check out **www.which.co.uk/advice**.

SIEMENS GIGASET A165 £32 which.co.uk/cordlessphones The A165 is an impressive

The A165 is an impressive Best Buy cordless phone and answering machine. It's one of the cheaper phones in Gigaset's range, so it doesn't have a huge range of features, but it's still reasonably well equipped, and its performance is very good. The price is for the single, but it also comes in twins and triples.

PURE EVOKE-1S £80

which.co.uk/digitalradios Mention DAB, and many people will think of the Pure brand – and for good reason. Pure has been chalking up Best Buy awards for its DAB products, and the table-top Evoke-1S is no exception. Its sound quality is warm, the OLED display is clear so it's easy to use, and it features intellitext.

DENON D-M35DAB £150 which.co.uk/hifis

This micro system topped our mini hi-fi tests, so if you want a good all-round performer, look no further. It includes a CD player and FM/MW and DAB tuners, and a cassette deck can be added. It's not the easiest system to set up but, importantly, our listeners were impressed by its sound quality.

TOSHIBA TEKBRIGHT £100

which.co.uk/digitalphotoframes The Toshiba TekBright is an excellent 7-inch digital photo frame. Image quality from the 720x480-pixel display is impressive; images are displayed clearly and with sharp colours. It's simple to use, and has 64MB of internal memory. It also has a built-in speaker for playing a soundtrack with a slideshow.

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SONY BDP-S300 £180 which.co.uk/bluravplaye

If you want to watch films in high definition on a Blu-ray player, then consider the Best Buy BDP-S300 from Sony. The picture quality is generally excellent, and understandably considerably better than on standard DVD players. It's also impressively energy efficient, using only 0.3 watts in standby.

HUMAX PVR-9300T £170 which.co.uk/pvrs

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HUMAX PUR-9300T

This easy-to-use PVR has a 320GB hard disk, so it can record up to 200 hours of TV. As it's a twin-tuner device, it can record two shows while you watch a third, pause live TV or watch a recorded show before it has finished, and you can set it to record an entire series at the touch of a button.

SONY RDR-HXD890 £190

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which.co.uk/dvdrecorders If you want DVD recording capabilities, too, this Sony combination DVD recorder and PVR could be ideal. Picture and sound quality are good, and it's easy to use. Its 160GB hard disk can record 34 hours in highest quality mode, or 50 hours if you use the next best quality.

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It's easy to get confused with all the cables and connections that setting up a TV, PVR and DVD recorder can involve. We've made it simple with our interactive TV connection wizard that takes you step by step through the process at www.which.co.uk/ tyconnectionwizard.