

WATCH HOW YOU DISPLAY YOUR TV

Some people make the TV the focal point of the room. Here, the clean white kitchen, dining room and family room are all open and continuous. The black electronic equipment would have been too much of a contrast to the white kitchen cabinets flanking the opposite wall.



So we designed cabinetry to enclose all the equipment, making the sleek stainless steel fireplace the focal point. Touch-latch hardware keeps the wall uninterrupted, and gloss paint matches the kitchen cabinets on the opposite wall. In-wall speakers are clean and don't add to clutter. Both sides of the fireplace have storage cabinets for the equipment and storage of compact discs, movies, games and photo albums.

As the exterior walls have windows to the floor, custom storage is crucial, so furniture is not standing in front of the windows.

To accommodate electronic equipment in your own home, there are options without building an entire wall of cabinetry.

Flat televisions are so slim, it is easy to incorporate them into any room. Hung on a wall, they could be surrounded by a frame to conceal the sides of the TV, which often shows the brackets and wiring. When not watching TV, this client plays his digital photo album on the screen, a continuous slideshow of images.

The components also can be remote from the TV. In our house, the TV is on one wall, and the cabinet holding the equipment is across the room, with wiring running under the floor.

In another project, a long, low cabinet below the TV, hides the speakers in a drawer. By covering the drawer front with fabric, the speaker is concealed, but allows sound to come through the fabric.

Game systems also can consume a room. Components could be stored with the rest of the AV equipment, with controls and parts in baskets under the coffee table for easy access.

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