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# Designing The Perfect New Jersey Home Theater

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The Art and Science of Home Theater Design



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### What's the best part of a home theater?

Most people throughout New Jersey would say that it's having a place optimized for great audio and video. But achieving the ultimate home theater design is pretty complicated. You need to understand things like room acoustics and the effects of lighting on projected images. And you also need to understand what makes a theater a fun place where everyone can find something to do. If you're interested in exploring the place where technology meets creativity, this is the blog for you. Keep reading for more.

### Designing an Optimal Home Theater

Optimizing a theater for the perfect picture and sound is a top priority for architects and home technology professionals. Here, you'll find a few of the principles of smart home theater design:

- **Seating:** The seating should be one of the first things considered in any home theater design. Its placement, how many chairs and the material used for construction can all affect the size of your screen and placement of speakers.
- **Screen:** Not all screens work the same way. There's a fair amount of technology that goes into developing one. From material that allows sound to filter through to high-contrast units that deflect extra light, your screen is extremely important.
- **Sound System:** Your sound system will make the difference between watching a movie and experiencing the action. Immersive 3D audio solutions are available in systems as small as 5.1.2 channels. That means even if you're watching in a converted garage or attic, you can still experience high-quality sound.
- **Soundproofing:** Often confused with acoustic treatments, soundproofing prevents your audio from bleeding through the walls and disturbing the neighbors. It's a process with many approaches, from adding absorbing material to decoupling the walls, essentially building a room-within-a-room.

### Adding Fun to Your Home Theater

Of course, your theater needs to be a place you want to spend time. That means you'll want fun stuff that makes your space unique. Movie posters, a popcorn machine, a fully functional bar or anything else that adds flare to your experience. There's virtually no limit to what you can enjoy, but the wrong materials can end up impeding your viewing. Reflective materials like glass and metal could cause reflections that wash out the screen. The wrong type of seating could stop your immersive audio system from sounding its best. Of course, that doesn't mean you have to have bare walls and zero décor. Instead, it just highlights the importance of planning the decor early on in the process so that your home theater installer can incorporate it into the plan. This is truly where the art and science of theater design converge.

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