

It's chic to hang your TV on the wall

Home theatres can be organizing nightmares with the mess of unsightly cables and wires going every which way. Thankfully, there are a lot of media storage solutions out there to help you manage your electronics tastefully and add a modern touch to your home décor.

One solution is to invest in a quality media console that is specifically designed to support your expensive equipment. Vibration resistant models and those with good ventilation for air circulation allow the equipment to operate properly and avoid overheating.

A hot new trend in home theatre furniture is to forego the traditional TV stand and go with wall mountable furniture. A multi-shelf wooden cabinet from Sanus Systems includes sliding glass doors and cable cutouts for neatly routing wires. Its best feature? The Sanus JFV60 model includes a heavy-duty steel plate that holds the console to the wall and supports up

to 200 lbs. of additional equipment when mounted. A simpler solution offers two wall mountable glass shelves for storing DVD players and other media underneath a mounted flat-screen TV.

If you're more of a traditionalist and can't embrace hanging furniture on the wall, cable channels are great accessories for routing wires from behind your TV stand to electrical outlets located further down on the wall. The plastic channels hide wires inside and can be painted to match your wall colour. They often come in various lengths with 45-degree elbows and 90-degree pieces for going around corners.

So if you're looking to spruce up your home theatre, wall mountable furniture is an easy way to organize cables and transform the look of your décor. More furniture and cable concealing options can be found at www.sanus.com.

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