Ambient Furniture

Furniture is the infrastructure for human activity. Every day we open cabinets and drawers, share a conversation around a coffee table, relax into a lounge chair, and toss out trash. How can digital technology augment these gestures in subtle and delightful ways?

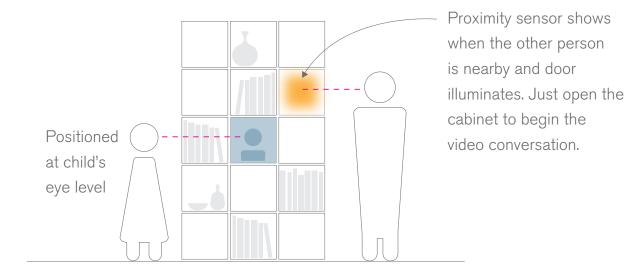


Skype Cabinet

The Skype Cabinet is always on. No more setup, log-ins, bad lighting, or headphones. Each cabinet is a dedicated portal between you and your closest friends or family.

Place it wherever you live most and assign a space to everyone you know.

The translucent doors glow when your friends are nearby, and you can open the cabinet to start a conversation. With crystal clear sound and perfect lighting, you can share a special moment or just hang out together.



High quality Lights softly illuminate microphone the face of the user Eye-level web camera captures through one-way mirror One-way mirror Display V



FaceBook Coffee Table

Like an instant photo album, the Facebook
Coffee Table shows your digital photos
right when you want them most. Real-time
speech analysis understands keywords
from your conversation and pulls up
relevant Facebook feed photos while you're
talking. Imagine describing your latest trip
to the Rockies, and photos from the trip
fade up to complement the conversation.

This coffee table recognizes topics of conversation in the room with voice recognition, then displays photos of people and places from each person's FaceBook account to complement the conversation.

"I'm headed to New York City on Tuesday."

Smartphone activates feature then photos leak out onto table.



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Energy Clock

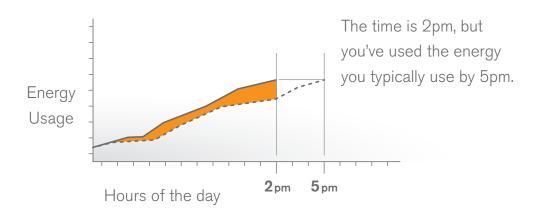
When you're serious about saving energy a monthly bill doesn't cut it. The energy clock gives you real-time, instant feedback on your household energy consumption.

It learns your energy consumption habits, then gives you subtle feedback on how you're tracking against yourself.

Sometimes a gentle reminder is all it takes to make a difference!

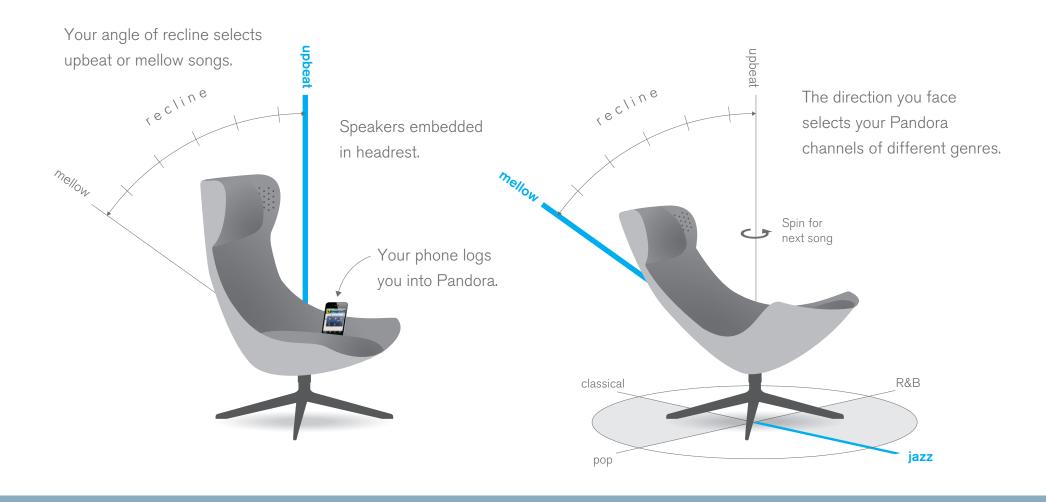
Separate segments illuminate to display over- or under-spending







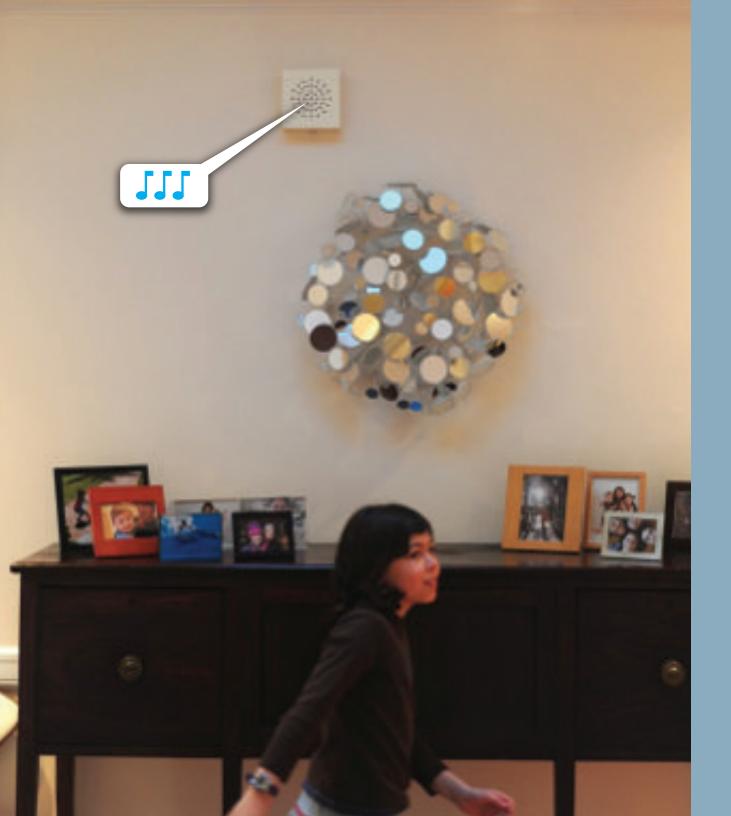




Pandora Chair

We all need moments of relaxation and respite to recharge throughout the day. Just sit back and reset your mood. Using the incline of your chair as a guide, the chair selects from your favorite Pandora stations. Whether it's edge of your seat rock'n'roll, or laid back lounge, the Pandora Chair plays the right tunes for your mood.





Google Latitude Doorbell

Fun family radar.

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Early evenings are always a little hectic, but family planning just got a lot easier.

The Google Latitude Doorbell plays subtle chimes to tell you when someone's on their way, and getting home soon. Knowing that Mom's ten minutes away lets you put the pasta on at exactly the right time.

Each person in the house has their own signature chime.

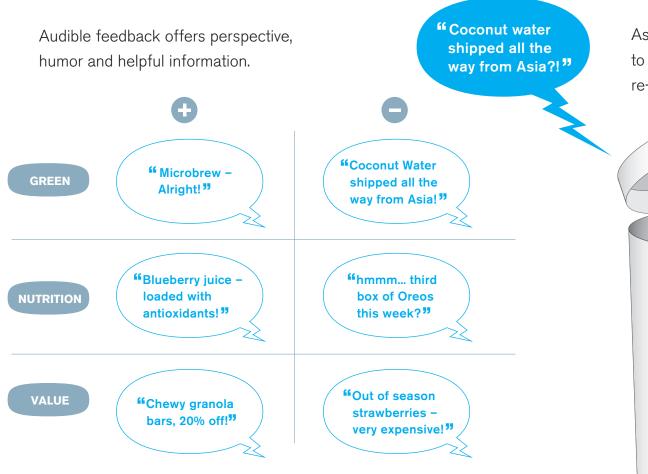






Amazon Trash

Make your trash can smarter.



As you toss or recycle, pause to scan and it's automatically re-ordered.

Kick the can to undo

Amazon Trash

Running out of something in the kitchen is a drag. Amazon Trash ends that problem forever.

A bar code scanner zaps anything that needs restocking on the way out. Lift the lid, pause to scan, and then toss. Use it for every type of

errand, from the hardware store to the supermarket, and you'll never run out of anything again.

