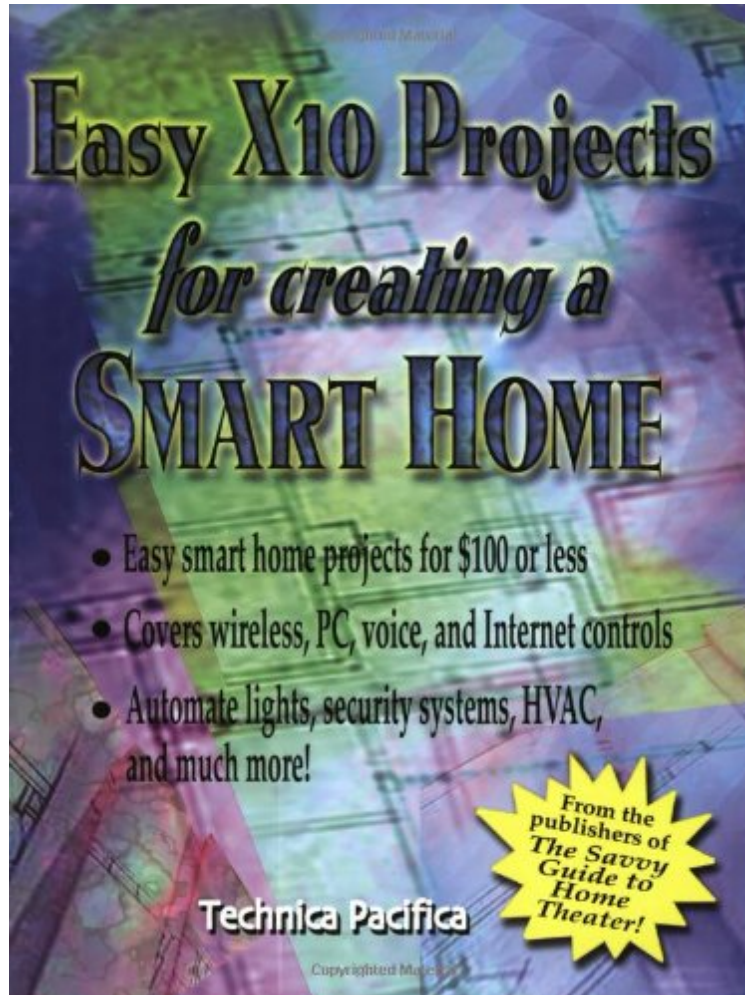


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revolutionize how houses were built. There would be automatic controls of lights, heating and air conditioning, fire and burglar alarms, everything was going to be automatic and computer controlled. It didn't come to pass. Meanwhile, however, the X-10 technology has kept growing, become more standardized, more reliable, less expensive, and just overall better. X-10 works over the standard power lines that supply electricity around your house. You don't have to run new wiring (like you did with the old low voltage systems), you just plug things into the electric sockets and they work. The standards for X-10 equipment are so good that any brand of equipment works with all the other brands. Here in this one book is everything you need to know from first getting started to putting together an effective, reliable and easy to use system. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Good Guide. By Agent469 I am very much into the X-10 gadgets and have been for several years. A great book for homeowners interested in inexpensive home security.

Sams Technical Publishing expands on its long history in the consumer electronics industry with *Easy X10 Projects for Creating a Smart Home*. Aimed at the savvy, do-it-yourself consumer, this book will assist the reader with the design and installation of home automation devices related to the X10 technologies. X10 technology gives the do-it-yourselfer the ability to automate the home in an affordable and efficient way. This book provides detailed instructions on utilizing the X10 technology to automate many areas of your home, with components readily found at your local home improvement center. X10 related components are perfect for existing as well as new construction, and can easily be utilized in rental units as well. *Easy X10 Projects for Creating a Smart Home* takes the reader through a series of steps, from simple projects, to the more complex ones, addressing the interfacing of your personal computer, wireless controls, and voice controls. Technica Pacifica has a diverse staff of writers who are also teachers in varying fields from journalism to engineering, economics, insurance and construction. Their focus is to write concise and simple instructions that are dedicated to the task of creating clear and understandable text. Topics addressed include: Lights Security Systems HVAC Voice Control Systems Budget considerations System set-up Computer Controls

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