

Simplifying Home Design with Technology

With 425,000 items in Apple's App Store, it seems like there's an app for everything now. Looking for a pig-latin translator? Need to find the closest restroom? Well, you know the saying.

As the number of apps continues to increase, developers are taking the technology beyond fun and games. Today, users can find apps that help organize, simplify and enrich areas of their daily lives. One of these areas is home design.

"Home design and renovation can feel like a daunting task at the beginning of any project. Whether creating floor plans or choosing colors and fabrics, there is a lot to think about," said Sarah Reep, director of designer relations and education at KraftMaid Cabinetry. "Luckily we're living in a digital age, and there are apps and online resources to help homeowners with everything from budgeting to hanging a picture frame."

Here's a list of some popular home design apps:

KraftMyStyle: With this app from

KraftMaid Cabinetry, you can capture images and create photo collages of items that inspire you, like colors, unique spaces, fabrics and art. Style Boards can be shared with family, friends and in the online gallery. When you're working with a designer, this app is a great way to share ideas and inspiration for your home's design. Available for free for Apple iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch.

iHandy Level: Say goodbye to crooked frames. This app turns your iPhone or iPod Touch into a level. Available for free for Apple iPhone and iPod Touch.

ColorSmart: If you're planning on refreshing your home's walls, this app from Behr paint is a must-have. The app makes it easy to try out different styles and paint colors in your rooms without picking up a roller. Once you've found your favorite colors, share them on Facebook and Twitter. Available for free for Android, iPhone and iPad.

Remodelista: This design source-book brings you the latest content from Remodelista, such as DIY projects, 10

Easy Pieces product roundups, and Steal This Look. Photo galleries organized by room bring daily design inspiration. The app costs \$2.99 and is available for Apple iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch.

Paint 'N' Wash: With this app, you can paint works of art—with your fingers—then wash it away with the Delta

faucet. Great for getting those creative juices flowing. Available for free for BlackBerry, iPhone and iPad.

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