



How to create your  
*Smart Home*  
with Yale



If you're unsure about setting up a connected home and have become overwhelmed by all the different gadgets available, we're here to help. Our guide to a smart home has been created by our experts to simplify the sometimes-confusing gadgets on the market, helping you to easily make sense of the smart home.

1. If you're new to the world of smart home technology, and you're not particularly tech savvy, try to stick to the basics as you begin your smart home journey. When choosing your initial smart home products, opt for products that are more simplistic, which are easy and intuitive to use.

2. If you're looking for new smart tech for your home, there are some useful, affordable products available on the market, which are perfect on your journey to create a new smart home. From here, you can build up your smart home collection, creating a personalised, connected system.

3. Not sure what smart home products to go for? Consider your lifestyle and what you would like to get from your smart home technology.

If you're working from home, a smart security camera can help keep an eye on who's at your front door, all from your smartphone. Or if you need to let the dog walker in, a smart lock lets you unlock your door from anywhere, all through your smartphone.

4. Once you know what devices will be best suited to your lifestyle and budget, consider if you want to build on your smart home further and what brands work with each other.

This can help you choose where to start and how to create an automated home, which all works seamlessly together.

5. A voice assistant is a great place to start when considering a smart home. Check which devices connect with the different leading voice assistants, as this can help you to decide on which products will be a great place to start.



To give you a helping hand, we've listed out some of the key products to help get you started with your smart home:

## *Lights*

Smart lighting is very accessible, with most options allowing control all from your smartphone. Available in a range of colours, smart lighting can sync with your smart TV, music system or alarm system for a fully integrated smart home system.

## *Cameras*

There are lots of different smart security cameras available on the market, which can monitor the inside or outside of your home. Controlled through your smartphone, motion can be detected, alerting you to any unwanted visitors.

## *Smart Plugs*

A simple device, smart plugs can be controlled from anywhere via a smartphone. Set your lights to a timer, check you've switched your hair straighteners off or turn the slow cooker on all with a smart plug.

## *Alarms*

Smart alarms are a combination of features from smart technology and traditional security systems. Giving you the ability to monitor your home from anywhere simply through your smartphone, a smart alarm can give you peace of mind that your home is secure.