

# No shortage of apps and gadgets for the home



TP Link's M9 connects everything.

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## WiFi for 100 devices

TP-Link Canada's Deco M9 Plus mesh home Wi-Fi system has the capability to connect to more than 100 devices throughout a home, while doubling as a smart home hub for devices such as smart locks, smart doorbells, smart light switches and smart plugs.

From 4K video streaming or video chatting to gaming and web surfing,

the Deco M9 Plus automatically identifies the strongest path and connection for every device to ensure uninterrupted Wi-Fi in every corner of your home, even in the backyard.

Available at Staples Canada, it lists for \$399.99.

[www.tp-link.com/ca](http://www.tp-link.com/ca)

## A powerful stick

The Roku Streaming Stick+, launched in Canada earlier this year, streams HD, 4K and 4K HDR and is designed for those on the move or who want their streaming player hidden behind their TV.

The stick itself contains a quad-core processor and wireless receiver that is built into the power cord and comes with a remote control that includes TV power and volume buttons that can control compatible TV models, eliminating the need to use a TV remote for these functions.

Priced at \$89.99 and available at Walmart and other retailers, it works with the free Roku mobile app available for iOS and Android

[www.roku.ca](http://www.roku.ca)

## High-tech projector

The Cinemood White projector converts any dark area into a family cinema experience, displaying pre-loaded, streaming and even users'



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## Light it up!

The Home Depot Christmas Lookbook 2018 is full of ideas for getting ready for Christmas.

Launched at and displayed at a preview event last month, the book is divided into four collections: Alpine Cabin, Morning Snowfall, Christmas Farmhouse and Nordic Christmas.



Set of two ceramic houses



The Twinkle Unicorn.

It features over 500 products all designed exclusively for Canadians and to get people in the holiday spirit.

Seen here are the 72-inch LED Twinkle Unicorn in cool white (\$179.00), and set of two LED-lit Ceramic House (\$29.95).

## giftguide



Roomba's i7 Robot vacuum.

own content onto any surface.

Capable of streaming any online content, it comes pre-loaded with over 120 hours of cartoons, e-books, shadow puppets, lullabies, and bedtime stories, headlined by more than 65 titles from Disney including Frozen, Cars and Mickey.

Available through Best Buy, it retails for \$499.

[www.cinemood.com](http://www.cinemood.com)

## This robot vacuums

The Roomba i7+ Robot Vacuum with Clean Base Automatic Dirt Disposal takes convenience to a new level — automatically emptying into an enclosed, disposable bag that holds 30 robot bins, so you don't have to think about vacuuming for weeks at a time.

The 3-Stage Cleaning System uses Dual Multi-Surface Rubber Brushes and 10X suction to clean different floor surfaces throughout your home. The i7+ robot learns, maps and adapts to your home using Imprint Smart Mapping technology, letting you control which rooms are cleaned and when.

It lists for \$1,249 and is available from Best Buy and other retailers.

[www.irobot.ca](http://www.irobot.ca)

## 4K Fire TV Stick

Amazon recently introduced a new lineup of Fire TV devices for customers in Canada, including Fire TV Stick 4K and the new Alexa Voice Remote.

The latter, which can be purchased as a single remote for \$39.99 and paired with a Fire TV Stick Basic Edition, allows the user to control compatible TVs, soundbars, and other AV equipment.

Priced at \$69.99, Fire TV Stick 4K features a new quad core, 1.7GHz processor and integrated WiFi built directly into the device, delivering a fast streaming experience and quicker load times.

[www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca)



Safe by Hub home security system.

## No monthly fees

Smart home security with no contracts or monthly fees has arrived in the GTA with the launch of Safe by HUB6, a consumer-focused home security system that leverages existing hardware and frees users of unnecessary expenses.

The self-monitoring system transforms existing home security systems into smarter systems for a one-time price of \$299 and redirects any alerts triggered by the existing system to a user's phone or tablet.

[www.safebyhub6.com](http://www.safebyhub6.com)

## DESIGNER'S CHOICE: From the chic to the practical

It is officially gifting time! There are so many amazing gifts to choose from but sometimes it can seem very overwhelming. Here are some of my favorite gifts for home and lifestyle to consider this holiday season.

### Chic environmental

Sea Bags makes fun, functional and stylish totes from reclaimed sail cloth. Every bag is already full — full of history that is — hand made in the historic Old Port district of Portland, Maine. Each bag is

made from donated ship sails that have sailed lakes and seas all over America. These bags are chic, practical and help save the planet.

[www.seabags.com](http://www.seabags.com)

### Coffee addicts

Who does not like a hot cup of coffee! I recently came across this award-winning mug with an amazing patented technology, Ember lets you select your preferred drinking temperature and will maintain the temperature, ensuring your hot beverage is perfect from the first sip to the last drop.

[www.ember.com](http://www.ember.com)

### For the foodie

The holiday season is a time for gathering and of course, eating! If you are shopping for someone who loves deep fried food you should check out the Philips Air fryer. Available in three sizes to suit any space and lifestyle, the new Air fryer is a fast and fat-reduced way to make those sinful fried treats.

[www.philips.com](http://www.philips.com)

### Staying sharp

Having the right tools in the kitchen is everything to a cook. And when they are sleek and styl-



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ish, how can you go wrong? One of my favourite knife brands Zwilling represents the best in German culinary design, and their latest knife collection is available in amazing colours such as granada, blueberry and lime.

[www.zwilling.ca](http://www.zwilling.ca)



Ember temperature-control mug.



Philips Turbo Air fryer.