



design your own

Translate any photo, illustration, painting or collage into your own unique wallpaper. Seamlessly blending artistry and technology, the design team behind Vancouver's Rollout Artist & Custom Wallpaper is making great strides with its custom wall creations. Coral With Eyeflowers by Julie Morstad, \$15 per square ft.

Got 5 Minutes?



Organize your living room by storing and concealing the detritus of DVDs and remotes in a decorative box.

Tech Timeline

Our favourite ways technology has made home life easier and more efficient.

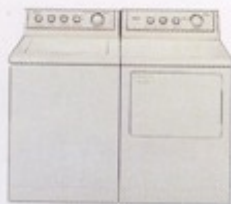
LO-TECH



stack of logs



pile of receipts, calculator



washer & dryer



basic light bulb



tea towel

HI-TECH



Save space

We love this sleek, portable fireplace that opens up so many design possibilities. With no flue, no pipes or mess (it burns denatured alcohol), you can take it with you when you move.

Bonus: It's also a great room divider!

Vision EcoSmart Fire, \$7,787, through Company B Inc.



Save time

A nifty little scanner, slightly bigger than a remote control, digitally copies receipts, organizes the contents (date, vendor, amount) and transfers the info to a spreadsheet or expense report. Also works with business cards. **Bonus:** Taxes are so easy!

Neat Receipts, \$250, through TigerDirect.



Save space + steps

A single machine that washes and then automatically switches to a drying cycle. Saves time, space and schlepping wet clothes.

Samsung combo washer/dryer, \$1,900, Home Depot. Available in January.



Save energy

If you think fluorescent lighting means the harsh glare of schools and offices, think again. Now compact fluorescent lights (CFL) come in many shapes and sizes, and almost any degree of light you could want. **Bonus:** Save money on your hydro bill. They use less energy and last much longer than standard incandescent bulbs.

Daylight deluxe, from \$10 for two, Philips.



Save the mess

No more grungy dishrags. Modern technology has brought us polyvinyl acetate (PVA) for dishcloths that are anti-bacterial, mould-resistant, can soak up anything and will dry out completely.

Antibacterial dishcloth, \$4, President's Choice.

If every household in Canada swapped a regular light bulb with a CFL, it would be like taking 66,000 cars off the road.