



suitable for framing As flat-panel televisions command more wall space, many homeowners are hanging LCDs and plasmas in frames that complement a room's decor.

Below: Go a step further, with a remote-controlled system that rolls artwork over the TV screen when it's not in use. Select from an assortment of reproduction masterpieces that look and feel like actual paintings, or customize with family portraits (mediadecor.com; solarshadingsystems.com).

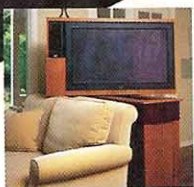


Hide it or flaunt it?

TODAY'S **FLAT-PANEL TELEVISIONS** ARE COMING OUT OF THE ARMOIRE.



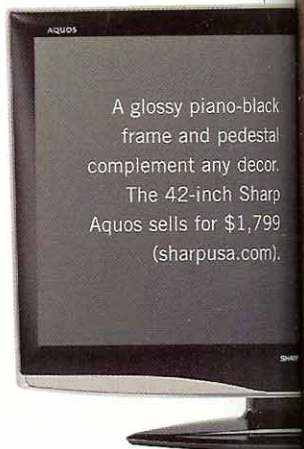
"Strathmore Flat Screen TV Console," call for price (323/934-4248); Gary Gibson, to the trade (garygibson.com).



Time was we went to great lengths to disguise our televisions, but thanks to the new flat-panel models, screens are coming out of hiding.

We've all admired a flat-panel TV hanging on a wall like a work of art. Now you can actually turn it into one. Sony is offering such options as bezels that frame out the set. They come in a variety of colors and can be swapped out as your decor changes. Want a more ornate look? Go for the gilt. There's a bevy of decorative frames that add a touch of stately glamour to a TV. Panasonic allows its plasma television customers to shop online for frames that range from classic gold leaf to mahogany to distressed cottage white.

"Picture frames make a great decorative solution around a TV," advises Randy Wilson, owner of Wilson Home Theater ▶



A glossy piano-black frame and pedestal complement any decor. The 42-inch Sharp Aquos sells for \$1,799 (sharpusa.com).

1970

1971: All in the Family Archie Bunker kept us laughing, even when the "meathead" took his chair.

1976: Sony introduces the Betamax at a suggested retail price of \$1,295 (or \$4,675 in today's dollars).

1977: RCA introduces the VHS format.

1980

1984: The Cosby Show Dr. Cliff Huxtable, wife Clair, and daughter Rudy enjoy trad comforts.

1986: Designing Women Three feisty Atlanta decorators and friend Anthony bring glam home.

1989: Seinfeld Jerry's modest NYC apartment hosts laughs for viewers through the '90s.

1973: First projection TV introduced.

