

This New House

In 30 years, your toilet may analyze your diet, your dinner table may do the dishes, and the kitchen (already being tested at MIT) may be smarter than the cook

LIVING FOOD

Unload your produce from the store and put it back in the garden. Chambers provide the right mix of gases and light to sustain veggies' natural freshness or keep herbs growing.

FAUCET

The faucet spout turns blue when the water is cold and red when it's hot.

SMART FRIDGE A projection from cameras inside lets you see what's available for munching. Sensor-equipped containers show how old your leftovers are.

FOOLPROOF STOVE & OVEN

Sensors track temperature and time. If the water is boiling or your pie's ready, a heads-up message appears.

SECURE SPICE RACK

Some like it hot—and some need a reminder to put the cayenne back on the rack. If a spice goes missing, a sign begs for your attention.

REACTIVE FLOOR

It can prevent slips with automatic "wet" signs, keep rowdy kids amused with games like tic-tac-toe and even tell how much you or the rump roast weigh with a built-in scale.

VIRTUAL ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

It's the ultimate remote: a screen that offers a personal jukebox, TV, books, e-mail and gaming. Simply look at the icons for the entertainment you desire—all you have to do is blink.

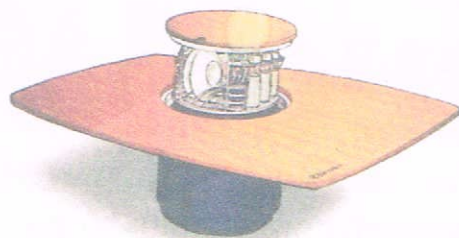
GADGETS GALORE

"More salt and stir slower!" orders the smart spoon. The cup looks like a mug if there's hot cocoa inside and a clear tumbler if there's beer. And the oven mitt/trivet can tell whether dinner is too hot, too cold or just right.

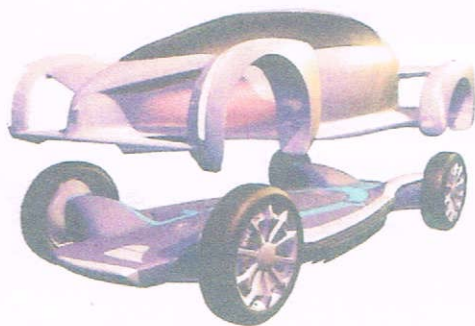
DISHMAKER

Have your tableware made to order for each meal (about 30 seconds per cup, dish or plate). The used plastic dishes are recycled to make new ones. Who needs a dishwasher?

Also Coming Soon



▲ **DISHWASHING TABLE** Weary moms and dads will love this dirty-dish-eating table, in development at Electrolux. After your last bite, just pop the dishes in the washing compartment. No need to even stand up.



▲ **MULTI-LOOK CAR** Like changing the face plates on your cell phone? Try it with your ride. GM's hydrogen-powered concept car will let owners lease multiple customizable bodies to fit a skateboard-like chassis: Go to work in a sports car, vacation with the kids in a minivan.



▼ **WASTE-ANALYZING TOILET** Next time you want to check your blood sugar, skip the doctor and make an appointment with your toilet. The height-adjustable john in the works at Twyford will be able to detect health or dietary problems.

▼ **GREEN WASHING MACHINE** The Chia Pet of appliances is an idea from Whirlpool. Once your clothes get a custom wash in separate tubs, hydroponic plants feed on by-products like phosphorus and nitrogen, purify the water and bring a lush garden to your laundry room.

