

Affordable Techno-savvy Security

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We're all more security-conscious today, and companies are finding ways to enable us to not only protect our homes, but also watch over them while we're away. These new security devices are both affordable and available—they're not just for the CIA or spy-guys anymore. We went on a hands-on quest and found three security systems cool (and affordable) enough for the techno-savvy gadgeteer.

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High tech doesn't have to mean high cost. You've probably seen those annoying pop-ups for the X10 camera system—usually punctuated by some scantily clad babe being spied on. The idea of a wireless color video camera sounds good, but for under \$100? Yes, really. The X10Cam 2 actually transmits a color video signal wirelessly for up to 100 feet using RF (radio frequency) that

can go through walls, and all the electronics are condensed into a package the size of a golf ball. Add a motorized remote-controlled rotating tripod and a portable power supply and it's a serious contender.

We tried out the Ninja Pan and Tilt, which has a motorized base attached to the camera. The little remote that comes with it lets you control the angles that the camera will view, but it's much more interesting to control this from your computer. This is done is by ►