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Put Your Oven on Speed Dial

The smart kitchen just got brainier. Dacor has introduced voice-kitchen technology as part of its Dacor iQ Remote App, which lets home chefs control their range via any smartphone or tablet. Using the app, cooks can tell their iQ products what to do from virtually anywhere. Say you're picking up ingredients for dinner—you can go ahead and set your range to preheat while you're still at the grocery store. The technology is available on the Discovery iQ 36- and 48-inch dual-fuel ranges, including this one in sizzling red—Dacor's color-match technology lets you pick your exact range color. (dacor.com)



Keep It Cool

Don't get burned when selecting a kitchen faucet. TempID technology on the "Coltello" faucet from Brizo includes an LED light that changes from blue to magenta to red so there's no guessing when it comes to temperature. The tech-savvy beauty, designed exclusively for Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery, also lets you turn the water on and off by touching anywhere on the faucet body, spout, or handle. And its pull-down wand with spray and stream options magnetically locks back in place after use. Take your pick of elegant finish options, including polished nickel. (brizo.com)

Tap into a Smarter Refrigerator

Remember when all a refrigerator had to do was keep your food cool? Today, even the icebox is an always-connected multitasker. The Samsung "Family Hub" refrigerator boasts a 21.5-inch touchscreen that connects to your smartphone and lets you share family calendars, photos, and notes; tap into your favorite music and TV shows; and breeze through grocery shopping. Can't remember if you're out of butter? Use your phone to remotely take a look. The Family Hub's three tiny interior cameras snap a picture every time the doors close. And if that's not enough, the refrigerator also acts as a digital recipe box—it accesses Allrecipes' vast library and serves up cooking tips. (samsung.com/us)



CHECK THESE OUT

- **GE** Need a hand? The GE Café Series French door wall oven can help. Inspired by commercial kitchen designs, the 30-inch convection oven lets you open both oven doors at the same time with just one hand. And bonus: WiFi Connect turns your smartphone into a remote control for the oven. (geappliances.com)
- **Grohe** You don't even need one hand to operate the "LadyLux3 Café Touch" kitchen faucet from Grohe. It lets you turn the water on and off with a tap of your foot on the activation plate, installed discreetly in the toe space of the cabinet. (grohe.com)
- **Thermador** If you like to go big when it comes to entertaining, Thermador has the range for you. Each 60-inch "Pro Grand" range is equipped with six burners, including four that offer an extra-low simmering feature as well as a 22,000 BTU power burner. Cooks can choose from varied combinations for the surface and interior of the appliance to cater to their style of cooking. Pair a convection oven with a steam oven or a warming drawer; team a grill with a griddle. The choice is yours. (thermador.com)
- **Viking** Modern life means just about everyone has a need for speed. Viking has moved into the fast lane with the "TurboChef" 30-inch double oven. Billed as the fastest residential oven in the world, the TurboChef can brown, sear, roast, and caramelize to perfection 15 times faster than conventional ovens. The technology blows heated air through the oven at up to 60 mph. And a touch-control system helps the home cook ensure great results. (vikingrange.com)

HERE'S A BETTER WAY TO SHOP

Try before you buy is the hot trend in shopping. At **Abt Electronics** in the Chicago suburb of Glenview, kitchen designer Mick De Giulio created the Inspiration Studio, a 10,000-square-foot expansion to Abt's already mammoth showroom. It features kitchen appliances from a dozen luxury manufacturers including Miele, shown here. (abt.com) Other great outlets for a range of high-end appliances include:

- **Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery** Get expert advice at one of hundreds of showrooms—or buy online. (ferguson.com/showrooms)
- **Pirch** Test-drive ovens, faucets, even showers at one of nine sites nationwide. (pirch.com)

