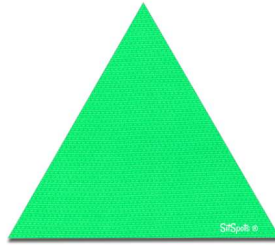


Smart Speakers...the future is now!!!!

Alexa Voice Activated Speakers!
Three things needed!
Internet Access



Tablet or Smartphone with Alexa App.

Amazon Echo Device and Amazon Account

To set up and customize ... you do need to have an email account to create an Amazon account

Many Built in Features-

“To Do lists” Shopping List

Daily Reminders (great feature!)

Notes

Timers and Alarms

Link Calendars for voice control

Set up “Routines”

There is hands free calling and messaging with all of the devices and with Echo Show with the screen capability -Drop-In feature for face to face video connection!

1. Add “Skills”from Amazon Alexa App and chose the operative words to use to launch the skills

2. Add Smart plugs or other smart home devices and “Link” Smart Home Skills – you can then use voice control for many aspects of independent living

3. Amazing “Skills” - Skills are like apps- download and utilize for -Reading books, listening to music, positive affirmations, Meditation ,stress reduction, games, and jokes, unlimited skills offered and growing!

Amazon Alexa Cool Options for Independence

Accessibility features on Echo Show devices...pull down from top of screen to view and customize for many different needs

Check out the “Tap to Alexa” for non readers”.... Icons to navigate on the screen on Alexa devices with screens- not the best visuals but certainly practical if articulation is a problem

Reminders and timers- name the timer and name the Reminder!!!

We LOVE this feature!!! “Alexa remind me at 8:00 AM every day to take my meds”

Hand Free Calling!!! “Alexa Call my mom” ... add contacts to call frequently used contacts and even ask to call others like... 970 945-9999 or ask for a specific business. If there is a phone tree option just say “Alexa press 1” or whatever option you need

Drop in... with Echo Show for a face to face video chat and check in

Read audio books -Kindle books if you have the Kindle app on your iPad or tablet and you have books loaded

Play music and podcasts!!! Set up in App – multiple choices for music under menu site

Weather... “Alexa what’s the weather”

CALENDAR link a calendar and then super easy to add to by voice or even remotely

“Alexa add to my calendar” then you can say...”Alexa what am I doing today”

We use Google calendar and I can input/add to Kara’s calendar from my iPhone

Shopping list- add to it by voice ...“Alexa add to my shopping list”

And then you can open the Alexa app to retrieve it or just ask Alexa “What’s on my shopping list”

To do List- create by voice and then ask Alexa, “What’s on my to-do list” Once added you can also see the “to do list” on the Alexa App and you may delete readily from the app as well. Also visible on any Alexa device with a Smart display

Lists - Launch the **Alexa** app.

Select **Lists**.

Select **Create List**.

Type in the name for your **list** and then tap Add or the plus button

Notes are a great feature ... “Alexa remember that my car keys are on the kitchen table” Ask Alexa to add to notes for things you might need to remember and she will read back to you -

and if you have a Echo Show- you will see the notes... and you will see notes on your tablet or smart phone in the Alexa App

“Alexa what are my notes?” Notes- Call out to your **Alexa**-enabled device to **"make a note"** and then tell her what you want to remember. That's pretty much it! After this, you can go into the app under **Lists & Notes** and see what you wanted to remember, or you can ask your **Echo** Show to show you your **notes**.

Some fun skills to check out...

Alexa “Start my Day” – set up skills for Alexa to go through

“Good Morning Beautiful”... wonderful skill - gives a great affirmation to start the day

“Good Night Skill”... great!

Go into settings and you may customize for no need to repeat “Alexa” You can ask a series of questions without having to say “Alexa” each time!

BE BRAVE AND JUST KNOW - THE FUTURE IS NOW!!!!

Amazon Alexa App -Get comfortable with the Menu Button on the App ... This is the “hamburger” icon that looks like three horizontal lines on the app in the upper L hand corner. Many options and choices underneath it to customize Alexa!!!

Really get comfortable and familiar with the app as it can be invaluable to promote independence. The Reminders feature is awesome! Like all tech there is a learning curve. The cool thing about the app is that I can make changes on my phone remotely for Kara’s day!

So many options to customize and aid in day to day living!

Great for day to day orientation... just use your voice!

“Alexa or Echo”

What day is it

What time is it

What is the weather?

What is my Flash News briefings... go into menu and set up a daily news skill

What am I doing today (link calendar from the Alexa App and you can readily assist remotely just by adding to the calendar)

Set a timer for ... name what the timer is for to “Alexa set timer for 10 minutes to turn off coffee pot.” Alexa will tell you what the timer is set for when it goes off

Awesome feature REMINDERS!!!!

Remind me : “Remind me every day at 8:00 am to take my meds” (Alexa will give a very clear reminder two times with a tone first and then the spoken words and the reminder comes up on the Smart display screen for visual input

With an Echo Show-

Calendar comes up on the screen too as well as timer visual
Give me a recipe for banana bread... and you will see and hear a recipe
Wikipedia "are dogs eaten in Vietnam ...visual as well as words

Other fun requests by voice :

Play Adele on Pandora
With Amazon music you can ask for a specific artist or song
Tell me a joke

"Blueprints" now to create your own sets of skills "Alexa what do I need to get ready for work" could be a skill set! You customize to your needs. More information on how to set up and use blueprints on Amazon website for Alexa

How To's for all these feature ...just "google" what you would like or look on Amazon Alexa support site

Then.....Smart Home Control... use your voice!

....AND all the Smart Home capabilities!!! Lights, Television, limitless and keeps expanding!

Smart home setup... so much info on web, YouTube videos and at Amazon site
The next step is to add smart plugs, Hubs if need be and smart lights or whatever set up you choose to allow for a voice controlled home from turning on television, managing heat, turning lights on and off... more and more added all the time!

LOVE ECHO SHOW!!!!

Drop in and for much more!! Touch screen capability is priceless!
Just take your time, it is process, make it fun to start and don't be afraid to add new skills...for us - the fewer words the better to ask for a skill and we have a cheat sheet index card right by Alexa as we sometimes can't remember the right words to activate skill

New things are being added all the time and it is fun to see and learn about what is next

Have Fun!!! Feel free to contact me!! Technology will transform lives!

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