

KITCHEN INTELLIGENCE

NEW APPLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CAN HELP YOU BUILD THE **SMARTEST ROOM** IN THE HOUSE BY ANNA LANE



Maybe you're planning a kitchen renovation or just dreaming of one. Either way, the technological advancements for the heart of the home are most definitely worth noting. The newest entries into the appliance market offer smart features that enable users to roast the perfect turkey or brew a cup of java with the touch of a button.

We asked Ria Rueda, Monogram Ambassador at Aitoro Appliance in Norwalk, and Elizabeth Wilson of New Canaan's Zetlands Design to share this year's must-have appliances that feature the latest in kitchen technology.

Pizza lovers will swoon over Monogram's new Hearth Oven (\$12,200), an electric wall oven that's designed to cook as well as the wood-fired ones in Italy.



A built-in LCD screen with pre-programmed settings ensures the perfect pizza (or steak, salmon, veggies) every time. It heats up to 1,300 degrees, but the stainless steel exterior remains cool, making it an ideal choice for families with curious little ones.

Rueda says that one of the most important kitchen trends for 2019 and beyond is WiFi connectivity. Monogram's WiFi connected kitchen offerings include refrigerators, wall ovens and dishwashers that can be connected to your smartphone or tablet via a dedicated app. The appliances are also compatible with Alexa, so you can turn your oven on (or off) from anywhere with a simple voice command.

Java junkies will want to invest in a Bosch 800 Series built-in coffee machine (\$3,299) that prepares perfect espresso drinks with the touch of a button. The LCD color display is easy to use and the machine can store up to eight different favorite beverages for quick preparation. Download the Home Connect App to link the Bosch to your smartphone, and you can program it so that a hot cup of espresso is brewed right before your alarm goes off.

The Samsung Family Hub Smart Refrigerator (\$3,499-



left: Monogram's new Hearth Oven cooks the perfect pizza, amongst other dishes.
right: Wolf's new induction cooktop heats 40 percent faster than the average stove.