

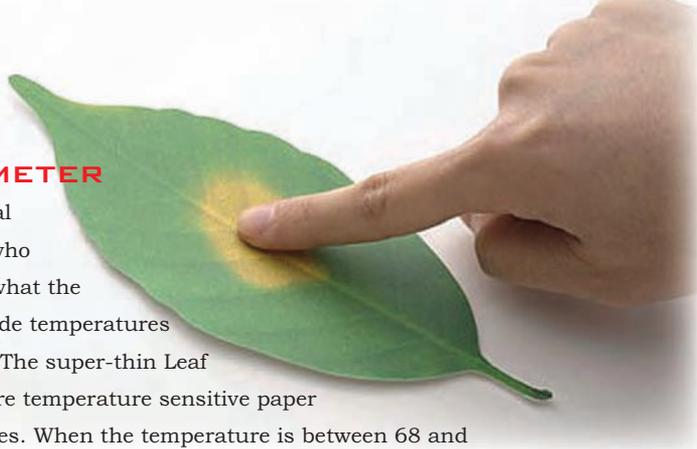


HOUSE OF FUTURE

The House of Future is supposed to be a wildly advanced place where we can control everything by just pushing buttons. The starter kit comes with a hub and three sensors, which can alert you to events happening in your home. In the future, the team behind Smart Things anticipates that the system will be able to lock and unlock doors, turn lights on and off, monitor thermostats or smoke detectors, and all kinds of other cool stuff – all via the internet, from anywhere in the world.

LEAF THERMOMETER

There is a special kind of person who wants to know what the inside and outside temperatures are at all times. The super-thin Leaf thermometers are temperature sensitive paper shaped like leaves. When the temperature is between 68 and 77 degrees F, the leaves stay green. When it gets hotter, the leaves turn yellow; colder, and they turn brown. Although the leaves won't give a precise temperature readout, they do give an approximation of the interior temperature.



GPS SHOES

These shoes are designed to get you home, though maybe not as quickly. A GPS system in the heel of the left shoe shares a wireless connection with the right shoe. The right shoe has a number of lights which display how far away home is and which way the user needs to walk in order to get there. The navigation feature of the shoes is activated by clicking the heels together. Lights on the shoes show exactly how to get home, step by step. If you move to a new address or want to be guided to a different destination at the end of the night, the USB connection and mapping software make the change simple.



BRILLE BRACELET: METRO DOT

The Metro Dot is a conceptual product to help visually impaired people navigate the subway system. The bracelet-like device features a polymer plane that displays braille information to help keep the wearer informed about where she is on the train line. When entering the subway, the wearer checks in with the Metro Dot. This informs the bracelet of the wearer's current location. The wearer then presses a small button on the side of the device and speaks her destination stop into the bracelet's microphone. The information is displayed on the polymer plane into the appropriate braille pattern.



KINETIC CHARGER

For lazy people everywhere, kinetic energy chargers are gaining steam as a green power source that requires only your movement to charge your gadgets. The Kinetic Charger is a simple, visually appealing little charger that clips onto your belt to harvest the energy created by your movements. You can plug it into your phone or any other mobile gadget that charges via USB, and the power you make by walking or jogging is fed into your device. Each tiny charger can hold up to 4 watts of stored energy, and they can be linked together to offer a larger capacity.