

Whirlpool Helps Cooking With Augmented Reality

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Appliance maker Whirlpool takes to CES 2019 with a futuristic spin of the humble oven-- the Connected Hub Wall Oven replaces the traditional glass door window with a 27-inch transparent LCD display complete with touch interface.



The work of W Labs innovation incubator, the Connected Hub Wall Oven pairs with the Whirlpool Yummly app to help customers with cooking. It integrates with family calendars, and suggests appropriate recipes according to the time the family can get together. For instance, if the oven notices a 45-minute window for dinner, it will prompt a quick recipe. In addition, suggestions are further personalised according to family preferences.

The aforementioned transparent LCD display shows step-by-step video instructions, eliminating the need for cookbooks by prompting recipe steps at the right moment. It even shows instructions as to how to use the oven (such as what rack to put the food on) for the "optimal cooking experience," while an internal vision system with "extreme zoom" allows one to check on food without opening the oven door.

As mentioned earlier, the oven pairs with the Yummly app-- now described by Whirlpool as updated to the point of being a full-on platform for Whirlpool and KitchenAid appliances. It has an ingredient recognition feature able to work out recipes based on what is inside the fridge, a meal planning feature and voice controls for interacting with recipes without interrupting the cooking process.

So far the Connected Hub Wall Oven is a concept device, and it might never actually hit the

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market. The Yummly app, on the other hand, is available now.

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