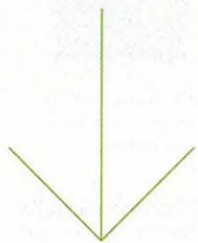


Sizing up a new TV

40- and 42-inchers for all your HD viewing needs...



FOR A LONG TIME, THE MOST POPULAR TV size was 32 inches; it's testament to how far and fast prices have dropped that the 40- to 42-inch screen is now emerging as the nation's first choice. We've assembled six of the finest examples of hi-def tellies in this size range – there's one here for just about any use...

1 BEST... BUDGET PANEL

KOGAN 1080P42

LCD, \$1,299, WWW.KOGAN.COM.AU

It doesn't get any cheaper than this unless you're looking in the bargain bins at the Two Dollar shop when they are selling panels from 2001 that are slightly used. Even then we don't think it gets any cheaper than this.

A Full HD LCD TV that has 120Hz motion in it as well. What else does it have? What do you care? It costs just \$1,299. But

fine, it also comes with a tiny two HDMI ports, and a 3D comb filter for "vibrant colours".

That's pretty much it, but a 42-inch set for this price, you're asking too much if you want more.

LOVE Price. Price. Price. Did we mention price?

HATE Two HDMI ports and not much else.



2 BEST... CONNECTIONS PER DOLLAR

TOSHIBA REGZA 42XV600A

LCD, \$2,749, WWW.TOSHIBA.COM.AU

Toshiba has been promoting its TVs with the tag line, "Toshiba HD: Pure Intensity". They've certainly improved from the Toshiba of old but are they better than the competition? While image quality is decent, it's no match for the Samsung set.

At this price though we expected a hell of a lot and didn't really end up seeing all that we

should have in terms of specs and performance. The sound was especially weak for a TV of this price. You could add a soundbar, but clearly that would make this TV even more expensive than it is now.

LOVE Great connectivity. Good design.

HATE Puny audio. Only average pictures. Price.

