The Best In-Wall Smart Light Switch and Dimmer

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Light switches are something most people take for granted. They blend into the background of everyday life, kind of like doorknobs, hooks, and handles do. (Light switches are also the last thing I remember to clean and the last thing my husband remembers to turn off.)

A smart light switch makes that routine wall art stand out. Sure, it's just as useful and practical as a regular light switch. But the technology inside allows you to control one light, one room, or an entire home's lighting with a voice command or an app, whether you're at the office or in bed for the night, or you just have a switch that's out of reach.

After testing dozens of smart dimmers and switches, we've found something for every lighting need. Our top pick is the **TP-Link Kasa KS225 Matter Smart Wi-Fi Dimmer** because it's easy to use, extremely affordable, and compatible with every major smart-home platform. However, it works only in homes with a neutral wire. If you live in an older home without one, we recommend the **Leviton Decora Smart No-Neutral Dimmer DN6HD**.



For neutral wire installation

TP-Link Kasa KS225 Matter Smart Wi-Fi Dimmer

$22 from Amazon

$26 from The Home Depot



A solid traditional rocker

Feit Electric Smart Wi-Fi Dimmer

$19 from Amazon



Best for Z-Wave users

Leviton Decora Smart Z-Wave Dimmer ZW6HD

$47 from Amazon

$47 from The Home Depot



Neutral wire not required

Leviton Decora Smart No-Neutral Dimmer DN6HD

$50 from The Home Depot

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Smart dimmer switches that do require a neutral wire



For neutral wire installation

TP-Link Kasa KS225 Matter Smart Wi-Fi Dimmer

This reliable, affordable dimmer switch uses Wi-Fi, so it doesn't need a hub, and it's easy to use both at the switch and in the app.

$22 from Amazon

$26 from The Home Depot

Compatible with: Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Matter, Samsung SmartThings

The **TP-Link Kasa KS225 Matter Smart Wi-Fi Dimmer** is similar to our previous pick, but it adds Matter wireless compatibility, which is

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Compatible with: Amazon Alexa, Apple Siri Shortcuts, Google Home

The **Feit Electric Smart Wi-Fi Dimmer** is a great alternative if you want something reliable and inexpensive, but you don't love the three-button layout of the Kasa dimmer. We prefer the Tapo app that the Kasa dimmer uses and some of the additional features it offers. But this Feit dimmer is easy to operate, and it allows you to schedule your lighting based on a variety of conditions, including the local weather. It's also compatible with several smart-home platforms, and while it doesn't work directly with Apple Home, it does support

Best for Z-Wave users

Leviton Decora Smart Z-Wave Dimmer ZW6HD

This traditional rocker switch works with all Z-Wave smart-home hubs, including Home Assistant, Ring, and SmartThings. It also has more customization than other Z-Wave models we tested.

$47 from Amazon

$47 from The Home Depot

Compatible with: Z-Wave and Z-Wave Plus hubs and compatible devices

If you already have a smart home that supports Z-Wave devices, choose the **Leviton Decora Smart Z-Wave Dimmer ZW6HD**. It requires the use of a Z-Wave smart-home hub and is compatible with many of the most popular hub models, including those from Home Assistant, Ring, and SmartThings. Although available features will vary based on the hub you use, this model allowed for the most customization among the Z-Wave dimmers we tested, with options to tweak brightness levels, fade on/off times, and the physical LED on the dimmer.

Smart dimmer switches that don't require a neutral wire

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expensive smart dimmer we've tested. It communicates wirelessly with the $27 plug-in **Decora Smart Wi-Fi Bridge**; this lets you mix and match up to 25 non-neutral-wiring devices in Leviton's Decora line, such as switches and dimmers, as well as in-wall outlets and smart plugs. This Leviton smart dimmer also supports three-way configurations (with an add-on switch or dimmer), for more-creative lighting-control scenarios. Leviton's companion app is notably easy to use, allowing you to create Schedules and Scenes (listed as Activities). The only downside is that the DN6HD requires that Wi-Fi bridge, but you can buy it as part of a **starter kit**, which includes both the bridge and one dimmer at a slightly reduced cost.

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I write about everything from smart lighting and home security to Wi-Fi cameras and smart bird feeders. I've also covered ice cream sandwiches, robot vacuums, and snoring.

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