Subject: Small Room Suggestions
Posted by Shane on Fri, 01 Jul 2022 18:55:22 GMT
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Wayne, long time no see!

We recently moved again and my music room for all my instruments and hifi has been downsized to a 12x12 room with a 7' suspended ceiling in the basement. I had to move the Two Towers on as they just visually seemed big in the room and they sounded best pulled out from the wall which automatically resulted in near-field listening. Anyway, any suggestions on one of your models that might work, or am I just needing to go for a small bookshelf with subs?

Subject: Re: Small Room Suggestions
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 01 Jul 2022 20:08:16 GMT
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Wow, Shane, so good to hear from you!

You might go with some one Pi speakers. They're small and don't load up the room. Might be just the ticket for you.

Subject: Re: Small Room Suggestions
Posted by Shane on Fri, 01 Jul 2022 20:57:08 GMT
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Wayne, what kind of distance from the back wall work well with the one's? I could bass trap right behind as well. I'm just looking at about 7-8 feet from the wall tot he listening position so mid-field at best.

Subject: Re: Small Room Suggestions
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 01 Jul 2022 21:31:10 GMT
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All my speakers tend to work well with boundary reinforcement, so half-space or quarter-space is best. Of course, that then gives SBIR but that's what flanking subs mitigate.

Speakers pulled far away from walls always have the benefit of no SBIR, but then they often sound kind of thin. It's always a trade-off of one kind or another.

I personally like placing speakers fairly close to walls and using flanking subs. It is an approach that usually works pretty well.

Of course, most times my smaller models - the one Pi and two Pi speakers - are used without flaking subs for one reason or another. Sometimes, they're used as surrounds, so subs are in the room but not flanking the surrounds. Sometimes, they are used alone in a small room and subs aren't used because the room is cramped for space. Ironically, that's when flanking subs and/or multisubs are most needed, but if there's no room, it's not an option.
