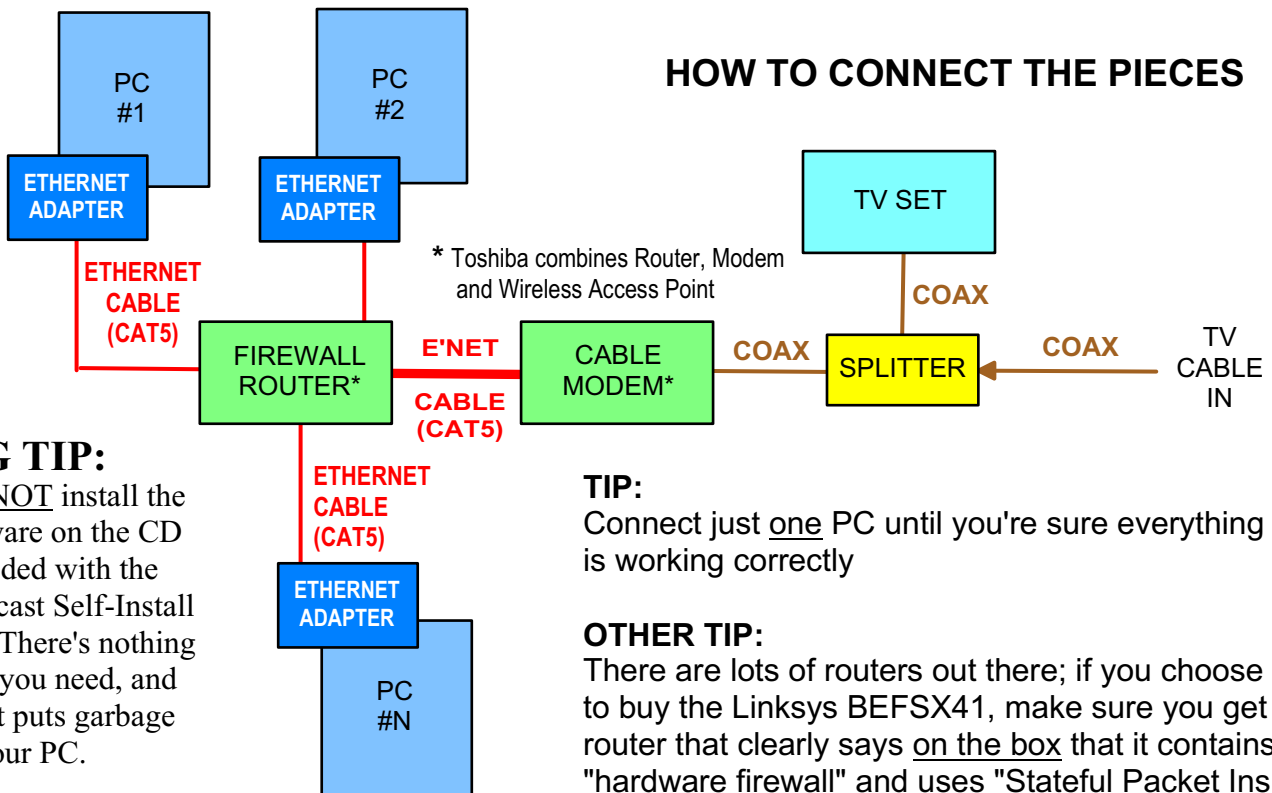


CABLE BROADBAND

WHAT YOU'LL NEED	Available From			
	Best Buy	buy.com	CompUSA	NewEgg
1. Cable Modem (should be "DOCSIS Certified")				
Linksys BEFCMU10 (version 2)	X	X	X	X
NetGear CM212	X	X	X	X
Toshiba PCX5000*	?	X	X	?
Motorola SB5100	X	X	X	X
2. Firewall Router (w/ "Stateful Packet Inspection")				
Linksys BEFSX41	X	X	X	X
Toshiba PCX5000*	?	X	X	?
3. Comcast "High-Speed Internet Self-Install Kit" (or equiv.) (includes 2 coax patch cables and a 2-way splitter)	X	X	X	
4. An "Ethernet Adapter" for <u>each</u> PC:				
PCI adapter card (internal)	X	X	X	X
OR				
USB adapter (external)	X	X	X	X
(Note: Most PC's built during the last 3 years came with a built-in Ethernet port; check before buying)				
5. CAT5e Ethernet patch cables -- 1 for each PC <u>plus</u> 1 more	X	X	X	X



BIG TIP:
DO NOT install the software on the CD provided with the Comcast Self-Install Kit. There's nothing on it you need, and it just puts garbage on your PC.

TIP:
 Connect just one PC until you're sure everything is working correctly

OTHER TIP:
 There are lots of routers out there; if you choose not to buy the Linksys BEFSX41, make sure you get a router that clearly says on the box that it contains a "hardware firewall" and uses "Stateful Packet Inspection" and "Network Address Translation" (or "SPI" and "NAT"). Without these features, you're naked to the world... and subject to attack. The same caveats apply to "Wireless Routers."