

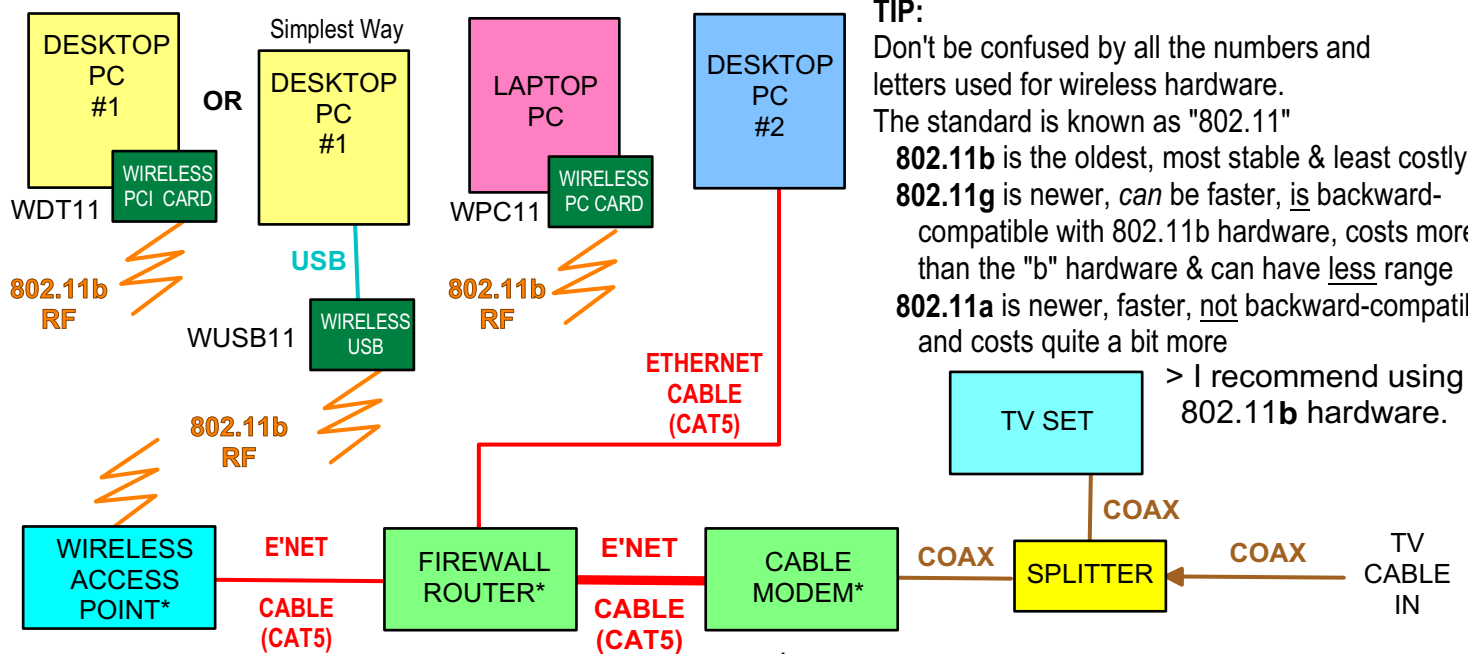
IF YOU WANT A "WIRELESS NETWORK..."

Then you'll also need

Available From
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- Wireless "Access Point"
 - Linksys WAP11
 - Toshiba PCX5000*
- Wireless Adapter for Each PC:
 - Wireless "USB Adapter"
 - Linksys WUSB11 (for desktop PC)
 - OR
 - Wireless "PCI Adapter"
 - Linksys WDT11 (for desktop PC)
 - OR
 - Wireless "PC Card"
 - Linksys WPC11 (for laptop PC)
- Depending on distance from "Wireless Access Point" to most-distant PC, a "Signal Booster" (eg, Linksys WSB24) may be needed.

NOTE: You can have a combination of both wired and wireless connections in your network.



TIP:

Don't be confused by all the numbers and letters used for wireless hardware. The standard is known as "802.11"

- 802.11b** is the oldest, most stable & least costly
- 802.11g** is newer, *can* be faster, is backward-compatible with 802.11b hardware, costs more than the "b" hardware & can have less range
- 802.11a** is newer, faster, not backward-compatible and costs quite a bit more

> I recommend using 802.11b hardware.

TIP:

Make sure your router has a "hardware firewall" featuring "Stateful Packet Inspection (SPI)." Don't be tempted to choose a *combination* router/access point (a/k/a "wireless router") unless the packaging **explicitly** states that the router has a hardware firewall; lots of combo products (eg, the Linksys wireless routers) have NO firewall. **You want a firewall.**