

Because wireless networks share radio space with some cordless phones, they're sometimes susceptible to interference. Walls, floors, and ceilings slow down the signal, too. Still, nobody has ever tripped over a radio wave; sheer distance sometimes makes wireless the only realistic option.

Gauge distances between all the components, weigh in the time you'd spend stringing wires, and choose accordingly.

Buying and installing the right network adapters

Once you've decided between wired or wireless, buy the matching adapter at your local electronics store. TiVo's extremely conscious of the adapter's brand, model, *and* version number, so head to www.tivo.com/adapters for its latest list of approved wired and wireless adapters. Be sure to note the adapter's specific version number because TiVo doesn't work with all versions. (I bought our TiVo's wireless adapter, the Linksys WUSB11 ver. 2.6, seen in Figure 8-1, through Amazon.)

Figure 8-1:
This wireless network adapter plugs into TiVo to connect it with your computer and the Internet, or with another TiVo.



Courtesy of Linksys.