

If you want to start using Smartthings for home automation - here is one way to get started.

- Before you do anything, you will need the following:
 - [A smarthings hub](#)
 - [At least one or more THINGS you want to control or monitor](#)
 - The SmartThings app for your [iphone](#) or [Android phone](#)

Familiarize yourself with the basics - how to add the hub to your home network, install the smartapp, and setup some basic THINGS

[This good video introduction to the SmartThings hub etc and how to set it all up should be viewed](#)

You should then be familiar with how to ADD new THINGS (sensors, thermostats, lights, switches, etc).

From there, you can go to Smart Home monitor and set up security monitoring. Or, you can add various SmartApps - I recommend the SMART LIGHTS smart app - you can add this by going to the MARKETPLACE button on the bottom, then SELECT SMARTAPPS, then SMARTTHINGS recommends.

If you have questions, there are two good places to go. If you are a Facebook user, I HIGHLY recommend joining the SMARTTHINGS USERS Group. If not, you can use the [SMARTTHINGS USER forum](#)