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By Martha B. Darbyshire



From bedroom you get this view of the patio at night. Window walls give this small home its illusion of spaciousness. Patio is paved with tree rounds



Dining area enjoys a view. Molded plywood chairs and webbed reading chair are really comfortable

← House is wrapped around three sides of a patio that brings light and garden colors to the living room, hall, and bedroom. Beige rug is used in living room; parquet elsewhere

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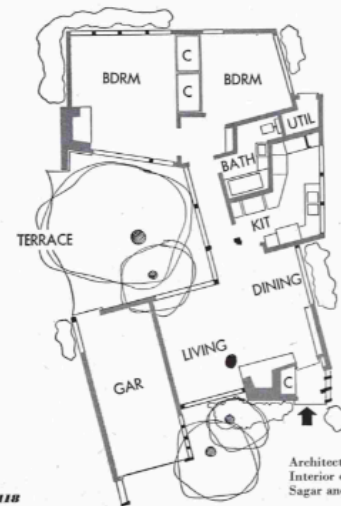
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Practicality doesn't rule out good color. Green-and-beige basket-weave pattern of upholstered chairs brings out rich tones of combed-redwood walls. Clerestory windows, sloping ceiling add to apparent room size. Sofa: chairs side by side

It's a wonderful idea for beginners who have to count their pennies. It's what many people are seeking after years of trying to keep a cluttered house looking orderly. It's the answer if you furnish with growing youngsters in mind. Some people call it functional Modern; but others—who've discovered what it can do for small homes—call it commonsense living.

You don't have to know the definition of functional to know a good chair when you sit in one, or a desk that's easy to dust, or a room that stays neat and colorful without priming. The George Kirshbaums of Los Angeles will tell you that. They chose furnishings that look well in their home, and more important, are as efficient as the house.

The Kirshbaum's home is small; the impression of spaciousness you get is the result of skillful planning. Although the lot is only 38x75 feet, the outdoor living area is placed where it does the most good. The patio lengthens vistas in the living room, dining area, hall, and bedroom. And furnishings preserve the airiness created by large glass areas; chairs and tables are light-lined, small-scaled. Even color is carefully proportioned to the size of the house; it plays an amiable second fiddle to natural wood tones. In all, this house gives you a good idea of what modern decorating can do to make a home *live* well.



Architect: Frederick Monhoff; Interior decoration by Carroll Sagar and Associates

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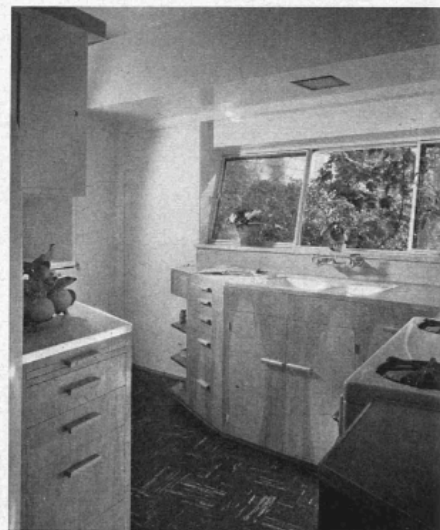
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Kitchen is a marvel of compact planning. Although it is only aisle wide, counters are cut back and rounded for easy passage in small space. Windows are angled inward to prevent sun glare on the glass. Lime green of walls and ceiling brings out beauty of wood cabinets



Simple and easy to care for, this bedroom is flooded with light from the large window above the bed. Wall behind bed is birchwood block; others are birch paneled. Pine chest with finger-pull drawers is severely simple. Wood tones of furniture blend with walls, add spacious feeling



Simplicity doesn't exclude the luxury of a fireplace in the bedroom. Traverse draperies are drawn across terrace window at night, illuminated by lighting trough above desk. Textured bedspread is rose shot with metallic thread, finished with brown side ruffles and day pillows



Boy's room proves that good-looking Modern is the practical answer, too, when you're furnishing with children in mind. Sliding glass door opens onto small, enclosed play yard. The top of bedspread is green sailcloth. It has a sailcloth ruffle in green-beige-and-white plaid

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