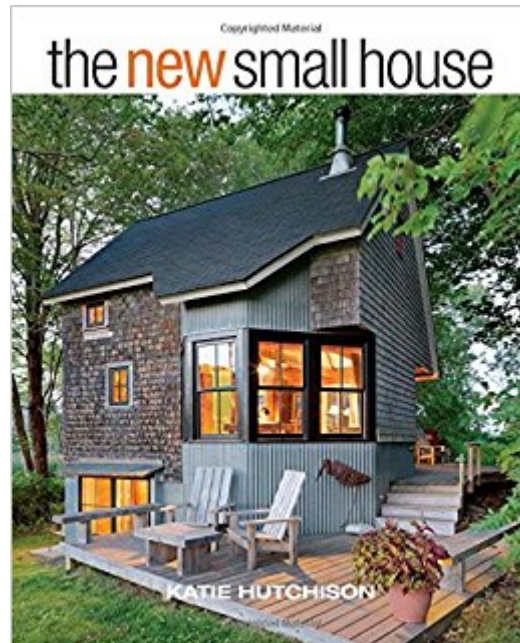




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The New Small House



Synopsis

Smaller is big, says architect and author Katie Hutchison, whose book *The New Small House* shows those looking to downsize how they can live smartly, economically and environmentally friendly in elegantly designed homes. With 275 gorgeous photographs and 30 detailed illustrations, *The New Small House* takes the reader on a tour of North America and spotlights small houses in rural, coastal, and in-town locations. The book presents fundamental small-house design strategies, complete with whole-house case studies for homeowners eager to simplify. Creating a great small house is illustrated in the opening chapter with 10 approaches, including: borrowed view and daylight multipurpose spaces privacy pockets using quality materials Twenty-five stunning small houses are profiled in the second part of the book, organized by the nature of their locations.

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Customer Reviews

"If you are thinking of building, you must read *The New Small House*, by architect Katie Hutchison (Taunton, 2015). She defines the small house as 1,700 sq. ft. or less, which is roughly the size of the New England house that she and her husband Chris call home. I think her ten small-house design strategies are especially useful -- they offer a disciplined approach to analyzing what makes a small house feel larger than it is, and by extension what makes good design. Katie's book offers a wealth of examples for each strategy and shows houses by the water, in the country, in the village, in the town, and there is a final section on retreats. Think of the book as an extension of Sarah Susanka's famous *Not So Big House* series of publications. Use the principles to help you find the

perfect house plan for your needs and lot!" (Dan Gregory Houseplans.com)

Katie Hutchison is an architect and award-winning fine-art photographer with over 20 years of experience in residential design. She provides design commentary to shelter magazines such as Fine Homebuilding and design blogs, including her online magazine, House Enthusiast. Hutchison lives in Warren, Rhode Island.Â

My copy of The New Small House is already filled with sticky notes--so many great ideas to tuck away for a (future) little house design. If you're even remotely interested in the current trend towards building smaller with smarter designs, you will love architect-writer Katie Hutchison's lucid and practical advice as well as the particular houses she chose to showcase. I love that many of the designs have a clean and contemporary feel, while many still incorporate traditional or regional architecture. I also love that each house not only has a design plan (floor plan drawing) with it, but enough beautiful photographs to really get a sense of how the design plays out. Additionally each of the photographs is tagged with an icon representing one of Hutchison's 10 key small-house design strategies, so again, the beautiful and the practical come together to inform you without overwhelming you.

Love this book !!!Great photos and styles

Nice examples of smaller homes - not tiny homes - that anyone can live in and have enough space. Neat designs.

Loved the book and there were maybe a half a dozen plans I loved. I liked how you could see both the plan and the picture of the house.

Good Book! Thank you Katie Hutchison for showing how small house doesn't mean impractical. I enjoyed the floor plans and photos you incorporated in to the individual homes. Well worth the price of admission.

This is a beautiful book and, though I had a moment of doubt, I'm keeping it. Why the hesitation? It's the only complaint I have with some of the books in this category ... what makes a "small" or "tiny" house? These beautiful pages and pictures show spacious and refined spaces. Well of course.

Most of these houses are over 1200 square feet. Those are not small houses! And all of them address one or two people occupancy which makes the space to my thinking generous beyond small. I currently live in a 1250 square foot Craftsman. The house has two nice size bedrooms, one even has an additional walk-in closet. And of course I have a foyer, living room, formal dining room, a nursery or office, bathroom, mud room along with a kitchen with a breakfast nook and pantry. This house may not be a McMansion but it does not qualify as a small house. I live in a lot of space, wonderful space and for a long time felt overwhelmed by how little of the house I actually inhabited. In my mind and in the better books in this category, a small house does not exceed 1000 square feet. Then the challenge of space well used becomes real. Then the ideas and decorating often show ingenuity and resourcefulness. Then I find real and useful if not inspiring material. Especially when it comes to how much space I actually need. Having said that, this is an entertaining and beautiful book. Of course my favorite houses are the smaller ones, especially the several entitled 20k Houses. The incorporation of unexpected materials such as plywood with a metallic finish also is interesting and dramatic. Some of the window designs are also exceptional ways to make more use of light and views. But lofts aren't particularly well designed or original. So I'll keep the book but encourage you to look at other books in this category. I've reviewed all the ones I've purchased and will add here why my love of this category. It's quite simple. My house is larger than I need for the one of me and I wanted to use the space better before I went in search of a roommate. Add to this my attached 850 square foot cottage which I don't want to rent. Instead I learned from one book to consider it my "mountain cabin getaway" without the long drive to get out of the Bay Area. My success in accomplishment of all this is directly related to what I've learned from the better books on small and tiny houses. Perhaps you will find equal reward from the better books in this category while this book can provide a few ideas for extra polish.

Full of interesting ideas that can be adapted and merged to create components of one's own unique small house. Lovely photos.

Gift for me son who is going to build A smAll house. He loved it made it his favorite coffee table book

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