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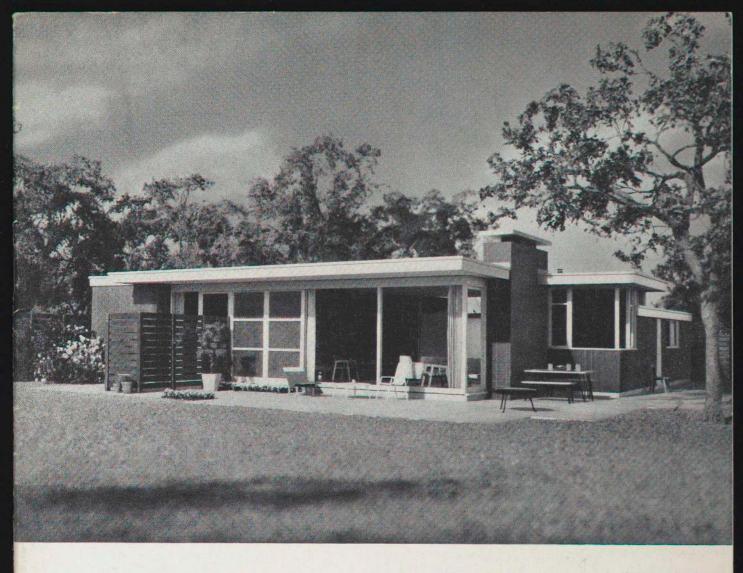
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# Price List for Furnishings in The Museum of Modern Art—Woman's Home Companion Exhibition House

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Living Room		FLOOR LAMP: black lacquered metal,	
	il price	adjustable; linen shade	\$29.50
LIBRARY TABLE: black iron rod frame.		des. David Wurster	
glass top, 34 x 54"	\$64.98	mfr. Richards-Morgenthau Co., New York	
mfr. Pacific Iron Products Co.,	#.G.73556	ret. Georg Jensen, Inc.	
Los Angeles, Calif.			
ret. James McCreery & Co.*		Rug: Wunda Weve, dove grey cotton, 9 x 12'	94.50
		mfr. Belrug Mills, Inc., Greenville, S.C.	
SIDE CHAIR: black iron rod frame, sheet		ret. Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.	
metal seat	27.50		
Foam rubber pillow, fabric covered	31.00	FIREPLACE EQUIPMENT:	
(A prize winner in the Museum's International		Screen, iron, 281/2 x 40"	30.00
Competition for Low-cost Furniture Design)		Log Grabs, wrought iron	35.00
des. Donald R. Knorr		Fire Dogs, iron	12.00
mfr. Knoll Associates, New York		mfr. & ret. William H. Jackson Co., New York	
ret. Sachs Quality Stores, Inc.		Log Basket, woven reed	2.50
		Hearth Broom	1.98
SOFA-CHAISE: adjustable black metal frame,		ret. Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.	
	225.00		
Navy nylon, dyed to order (Arundell Clarke) yo	d. 8.10	RADIO: table model, grey metal case	79.95
des. Van Keppel-Green		des. Raymond Loewy	
mfr. Balboa Pacific Corp., Fullerton, Calif.		mfr. The Hallicrafters Co., Chicago	
ret. New Design, Inc.		ret. Davega Stores	
ARMCHAIR: black iron rod frame, molded		TALL VASE: pottery, white, Italian	30.00
	246.00	ret. Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.	
des. Eero Saarinen			
mfr. Knoll Associates, New York		TALL VASE: clear glass	5.00
ret. James McCreery & Co.;		ret. Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.	0.90
Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.	3		
Other many ( to live to live		CIGARETTE BOX: enamel on copper	12.98
SIDE TABLE (stacking stool):	10.00	ASHTRAYS: enamel on copper,	
ebonized plywood set of 4,	19.00	3" to 7" diam.	1.98 to 8.98
mfr. Pascoe Industries, Inc., New York		des, E. H. Lichtblau	*****
ret. Pascoe New York, Inc.		mfr. Joseph Franken, New York	
*all retailers listed are in New York City		ret. Bloomingdale Bros., Inc., Georg Jensen, Inc.	e.
and remained a tisted die in their torn only		Total Discounting and Discourt In	

Bowl (on counter): lacquered greenish-	0.05.00	ASH TRAY: pottery, alabaster glaze	\$ 6.00
black glaze des. Jade Snow Wong, San Francisco, Calif.	\$ 25.00	BOWL: pottery, rough texture  des. Celeste Caravias, New York	4.00
PLATE (on table): grey swirl pattern des. F. Carlton Ball, Oakland, Calif.	12.00	ret. Jacques Seligmann Galleries	
BOWL (on hearth): marbleized and yellow glazes	16.00	HANGING LAMP: aluminum baffle, adjustable	
des. Celeste Caravias, New York	10.00	reel, paper shade des. Richard Kelly	75.00
ret. Jacques Seligmann Galleries		mfr. Middletown Mfg. Co., Middletown, N.Y	
DRAPERY MATERIAL: "Streetscene" pattern on		ret. through Richard Kelly	
Osnaburg cotton	yd. 4.20		
des. Janna Pratt Goodspeed mfr. Arundell Clarke, New York		Dressing Room and Bathroom	me
ret. through decorators		Dressing Room and Datmoor	III.5
		STOOL: see living room	
clock: electric, grey metal case des. George Nelson	19.50	RUG: Wunda Weve, 4 x 6'	21.95
mfr. Howard Miller Clock Co., Zeeland, Mich.		See living room	41.70
ret. New Design, Inc.			
		presser set: brown plastic: 6 pieces  mfr. Shoreham, New York	32.30
Parents' Bedroom		ret. Saks Fifth Avenue	
DOUBLE BED: Beautyrest box spring and			
mattress, 54 x 74"	ea. 59.50	FLOWER VASE: pottery, Cordovan red	12.00
mfr. Simmons Company, New York		des. F. Carlton Ball, Oakland, Calif. ret. Jacques Seligmann Galleries	
ret. Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.; James McCreery & Co.			
		WASTE BASKET: black plastic	1.79
BESDPREAD: yellow unsinged goat's hair cloth,		SHOWER CURTAIN: white plastic	4.50 .25 to 2.60
66" wide, dyed to order	yd. 5.40	ret. Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.	.23 to 2.00
mfr. Arundell Clarke, New York ret. through decorators			
ARM CHAIR: metal rod base, molded glass fibre and plastic shell	29.95	Children's Play Room	
(A prize winner in the Museum's International		STORAGE UNITS: metal frame, plywood and	
Competition for Low-cost Furniture Design) des. Charles Eames		plastic panels  Price dependent on s	59.95 to 79.95
mfr. Herman Miller Furniture Co.,		des. Charles Eames	and June 9
Zeeland, Mich.		mfr. Herman Miller Furniture Co.,	
ret. Sachs Quality Stores, Inc.		Zeeland, Mich. ret. Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.	
BEDSIDE TABLES: black iron frame,			
glass shelves	ea. 28.00	DESKS: wood	
mfr. Molla, Inc., New York ret. Mayhew Shop		Hollow blocks, clear lacquered only, 2 sizes	5.95 & 6.50
ret. Maynew Shop		Table tops, 22 x 44", linoleum covered	11.95
RUGS: Wunda Weve, 24 x 48"	ea. 6.50		
See living room		STOOLS: butter tubs, plywood tops	ea. 4.50
1, 1, 1, 1	7.5.00	mfr. & ret. Creative Playthings, New York	
BOOK STAND: table model, brass des. & mfr. Karl Aubock, Vienna, Austria	16.00	RUG: Wunda Weve, 36 x 60"	12.95
ret. Plus Studio		See living room	12.70

WINDOW SHADES: 1/8" vertical bamboo	sq. ft. \$ .42 plus fittings	TUMBLERS: clear glass  des. Freda Diamond	ea	. \$ .15
distr. Arundell Clarke, New York		mfr. Libbey Glass Co., Toledo, Ohio		
ret, through decorators		ret. R. H. Macy & Co. for clear glass		
		Bloomingdale Bros., Inc. for green		
HANGING LAMPS: see parents' bedroom				
TOYS: Creative Playthings, New York	75 += 6.05	FLATWARE: stainless steel, Tora pattern	set of 4	, 5.40
1018. Creative Flaythings, New York	.75 to 6.95	des. Folke Arstrom		
		mfr. Gense, Sweden		
Children's Bedroom		ret. Bonniers		
BEDS: Beautyrest box springs and mattresses,		PLACE MATS: knitted cotton string,		
33 x 68"	ea. 59.50	white, 13 x 18"		ea69
See parents' bedroom	ca. 37.30	mfr. Emily W. Ellis, Inc., New York		
Dee parents bearbons		NAPKINS: white linen	de	z. 7.98
1 1 1 1 1 1		ret. Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.		
BEDSPREADS: red unsinged goat's hair cloth,	1 5 40			
66" wide, dyed to order	yd. 5.40	COFFEE SET: white porcelain		17.00
See parents' bedroom		mfr. Arzberg, Germany		17.00
		ret. Pascoe New York, Inc.		
BEDSIDE TABLE: black iron frame,		ret. I ascoe New Tork, Inc.		
plywood top, 18 x 38"	30.00			
mfr. Molla, Inc., New York		DRAPERY MATERIAL: see living room		
ret. Mayhew Shop				
		HANGING LAMP: see parents' bedroom		
SIDE CHAIR: see living room		THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN 1		
		Kitchen		
STOOL: see living room		Tartonion.		
		ELECTRIC APPLIANCES: furnished by		
RUG: Wunda Weve, 44 x 44"	15.20	General Electric Co., Bridgeport, Conn.		
See living room	20120	Range		299.95
		Dishwasher		214.95
BOWL: pottery, antique-bronze glaze	15.00	Disposall		124.95
des. Jade Snow Wong, San Francisco, Calif.	13.00	Ironer		99.95
ret. Jacques Seligmann Galleries		Washer		369.95
ret. Jacques Bengmann Ganeries		Drier		249.95
, n		Refrigerator		359.75
HEN and ROOSTER: Portuguese pottery		Iron		9.95
Painted	pair 12.00			
Unpainted	pair 6.00	KITCHEN UTENSILS, ETC.: furnished by		
ret. Good Living		Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.		
		Swedish Spice Set (built into wall)		33 50
		Sunbeam automatic toaster		22.50
Dining Area		Dazey juicer, aluminum		5.95
11 1		Wearever mixing bowl, aluminum		1.10
DINING TABLE: black iron rod frame,	50.00	Revere tea kettle, stainless steel,		
glass top, 30 x 48"	59.98	copper bottom		4.95
mfr. Pacific Iron Products, Co.,		Revere utensil rack, stainless steel		2.50
Los Angeles, Calif.		Revere skillets, stainless steel,		
ret. James McCreery & Co.		copper bottoms	set of 4,	19.20
		Vollrath drip coffee-maker, white enamel		2.96
DINING CHAIRS: see living room		Ekco, Flint kitchen tool-set on rack,		
		stainless steel		12.95
DINNER PLATES: stoneware, dark green glaze	ea. 1.60	Shenandoah salad bowl, wood		4.98
OVAL BOWL:	2.50	Shenandoah salad servers, wood, 2 pieces		3.98
mfr. Putney Pottery, Putney, Vt.		Hamilton, Cosco kitchen stool, chrome		

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Maggie, magnetic memo board, metal Measuring cup, Pyrex glass French ovenware bowl	1.00 .75 2.19	TABLE: black iron frame, wood slats, 30 x 60" \$ 35.00
Cooking spoons, wood	set of 4, .79	Programme, black in a f
Batter bowl, Portuguese pottery	3.50	BENCHES: black iron frame, wood slats, 18 x 48" ea. 21.00 des. Pipsan Saarinen Swanson
WINDOW SHADES: ½" horizontal bamboo dstr. Arundell Clarke, New York ret. through decorators	sq. ft42 plus fittings	mfr. Ficks Reed Co., Cincinnati, Ohio ret. W. & J. Sloane
FLOOR MACHINE: 9" disk, metal mfr. Kent Electric Co., Rome, N.Y. ret. Edmar Equipment Co.	110.00	BARBEQUE BRAZIER: black steel, 36" diam.  des. R. Coelho-Cordoza  mfr. Hawk House, Los Angeles, Calif.  ret. Bloomingdale Bros., Inc.

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Since the end of the war many builders have realized that there is a large and growing market for modern houses in suburban real estate developments. At first, they merely incorporated into their houses some of the trade marks of modern architecture, such as large windows and flat roofs. Recently, however, they have turned with increasing frequency to young modern architects to design houses for them that will satisfy the public demand for modern architecture and that will be practical in economic and structural terms as well.

In order to show that good modern architectural design is possible in the field of speculative building, The Museum of Modern Art asked Gregory Ain of Los Angeles to design a house that could be built, with only slight variations, in any section of the country. Gregory Ain is one of the few modern American architects with experience in designing developments for speculative builders. One of his notable contributions to this field is the development in the Mar Vista section of Los Angeles which consists of houses similar to the one in the Museum garden.

Mr. Ain's solution is a practical one. The plan is compact, and yet it conveys an illusion of spaciousness rarely found in real estate developments in the past. He uses traditional construction methods which, for economic and technical reasons, are still more practical in today's building market than the experimental methods of prefabrication. And finally, he applies many of the esthetic achievements, which modern architects have demonstrated in more expensive residences, to a medium-cost solution for suburban dwelling under existing economic conditions. These conditions frequently result in subdivision of land into small lots, and Mr. Ain's house was designed to fit such a lot. Needless to say, neither The Museum of Modern Art nor Mr. Ain feels that this type of subdivision is the only answer to our planning problems, or even a desirable answer. However, since subdivisions are a fact throughout this country, both felt that a good solution should be found within the existing limits. The Museum of Modern Art believes that Mr. Ain has found such a solution in his exhibition house.



MAR VISTA PROJECT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Photo: Julius Shulman

# **Biographical Note**

Gregory Ain was born in 1908 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He studied at the Universities of California and Southern California and, from 1932 to 1935, was associated with the pioneer modern architect, Richard Neutra. Since 1935 Mr. Ain has had his own office in Los Angeles.

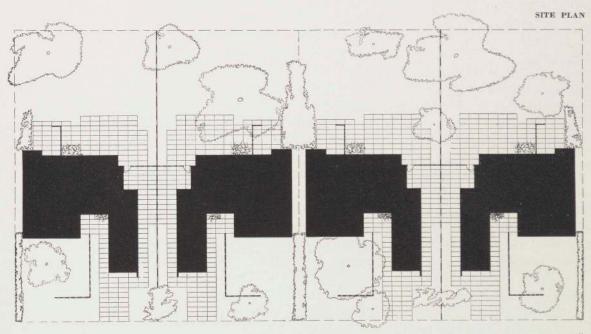
Mr. Ain is a prominent member of a group of young California architects who have adapted the work of the modern pioneers to the practical problems of today's family living. More than most of his generation, Mr. Ain has concerned himself with the design of multiple dwellings and the layout of communities. He obtained a Guggenheim Fellowship for low-cost housing research in 1940, and his buildings have received numerous awards in nation-wide competitions. He has built several apartments and single-house developments, as well as individual residences and commercial buildings in the Los Angeles area. In recent years much of this work has been done in collaboration with Joseph Johnson and Alfred Day.

#### The Site Plan

Although the house Mr. Ain has designed is a single unit, it can be combined with similar houses to form a development. Such an arrangement is suggested by the site plan and by the photograph of a row of houses in the Mar Vista Project in Los Angeles. The street façade of the exhibition house with its irregular set-backs and two-level roof avoids the usual dull flatness of development houses.

The house was designed for a lot approximately 60' x 120' in size. Since in developments of this kind, houses overlook each other closely along lot lines, Mr. Ain has planned the rooms so that no major windows face the neighboring houses, and that, instead, the most important views are directed toward the gardens. A system of exterior screens helps to create areas of privacy in the gardens and to relate some of the exterior space to adjoining interior areas.

In all his work in designing real estate developments, Mr. Ain has avoided the extreme of the dull rows of boxes that were once so popular, as well as the other extreme of miniature ranches that are now in vogue. Instead, he has managed to create variety and interest within each dwelling unit, without sacrificing an overall concept of order. His work shows a fine regard for urban arrangement, varied to avoid monotony, and formal enough to bring a badly needed sense of unity into the town pattern.



#### The Plan

The outstanding characteristic of the plan is its spatial flexibility, which is achieved by the use of several sliding walls and panels. The living room, dining area, parents' bedroom (or study-guest room) and the kitchen can all be thrown together to form one living area, or they can be sub-divided for privacy. Similarly, the children's rooms can be used as one large bedroom, as two bedrooms, or as a bedroom and a playroom, depending on the age of the children. The sliding wall between the rooms can be left either permanently open or permanently closed, to suit each family's particular requirements. The children's rooms are separated from the rest of the house by a corridor, lined on both sides with storage closets. This corridor serves also as an effective sound baffle.

The unusual ceiling height of 9' emphasizes the airiness of the interior and is strikingly apparent on entering the front door from under a low trellis. The illusion of spaciousness is further stressed by the standardized use of materials: one flooring material throughout the house, one ceiling treatment (except in the bathrooms) and one type of wall paneling in each area.

The paved terrace on the garden side and the wide overhang above, which are visual extensions of the living room, contribute to the sense of continuous space. While all rooms and living areas are characterized by this openness, the storage and service areas are compactly planned and tightly grouped together for economy of construction.

# **Construction Materials**

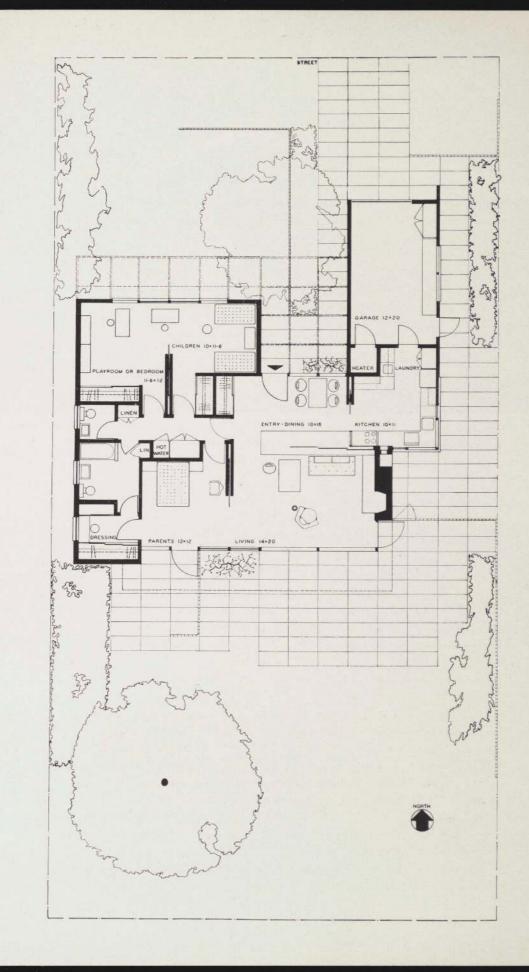
The house is built on a concrete floor slab, designed for the coils of a radiant heating system. The frame is of standard wood construction, except for the steel beam that supports the joists which span the living-dining area.

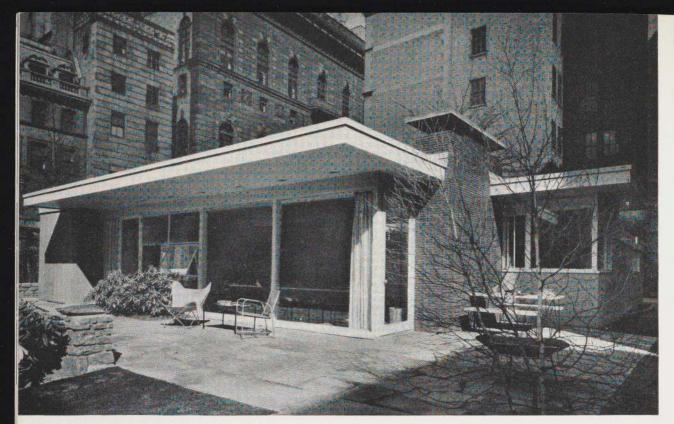
It might be called a plywood house, for the exterior siding, the sheathing and all interior wall surfaces are of plywood, in one form or another: striated Douglas fir plywood for the siding, plain Douglas fir plywood for the sheathing and other structural uses, walnut veneer for the walls of the living area, pre-finished oak strip panels for the children's rooms, and paint-grade plywood for the dressing room, bathrooms, and kitchen. Gypsum board panels have been used for the ceilings throughout.

The dry-wall construction is protected by a fiber-reinforced sheathing paper on the outside and insulated with a reflective material, which also acts as a vapor barrier on the inside. The roof is further insulated against the sun by white granite pebbles on top of the composition roofing material.

The chimney in the exhibition house, which is one of its principal design features, has been faced with Roman brick, laid in block bond, and its raised hearth has been built of soapstone. However, the effectiveness of the design would not suffer if common brick and a reinforced concrete hearth were substituted.

Most of the glass in the house is fixed in position, but in each room there





GARDEN FAÇADE.

Photos: Ezra Stoller, Pictor

is also an operating sash for ventilation purposes. Obscure glass is used for privacy in several areas. The plumbing fixtures, the bathroom accessories, and the hardware throughout the house have been selected for their efficiency, simple design, and moderate cost. All of the painted wall surfaces have been standardized to a single color. This helps to unify the design of a small house.

Contractors: Building contractor, Murphy-Brinkworth Const. Corp., landscape contractors, Heflin & Storms Inc.; roofing contractor, Benjamin Reisner Inc.

Building Materials: Ready mixed concrete, Transit-Mix Concrete Corp.; concrete block, Inland Bldg. Block Corp.; framing lumber, Cross, Austin & Ireland Lumber Co.; building paper and insulation, Sisalkraft Co.; roof sheathing, Douglas Fir Plywood Assoc.; roofing felt and pitch, Koppers Co. Inc.; roof pebbles, H. E. Fletcher Co. Inc.; Weldtex siding, United States Plywood Corp.; plate and window glass and glazing, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; steel sash and reinforcing steel, Truscon Steel Co.; steel beam, United States Steel Supply Co.; garage door, Crawford Door Sales Corp.; Nu-hue paints and stain, Martin-Senour Co.; lighting fixtures, General Lighting Co. Inc.; ventilation louvers, Midget Louver Co.

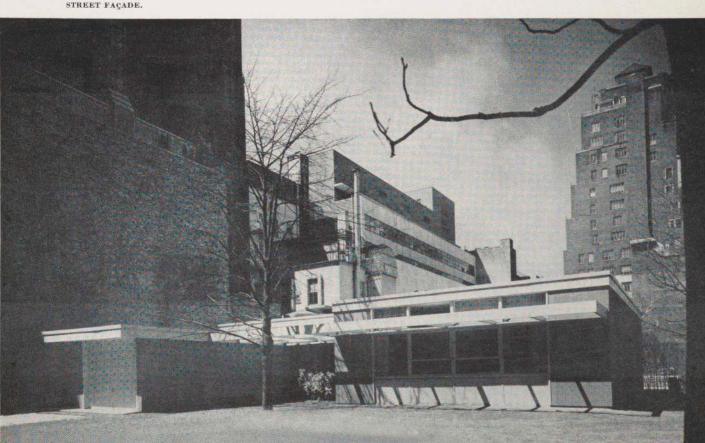
Furnishings: Terrace furniture, FICKS REED Co.; barbecue brazier, HAWK HOUSE; Jeepster, WILLYS OVERLAND MOTORS INC.

# Furnishings

The furniture in a small house should be lightweight in appearance to avoid crowding the limited space. It should also, if possible, be in character with the architecture. In furnishing the Ain house it was decided to select pieces whose structural components of black metal would give a sense of lightness and freedom to the design. And the dark colors of the furniture further tend to reduce its apparent size as well as to provide more practical surfaces. The paintings, fabrics, and accessories accent an otherwise neutral setting with touches of bright colors.

The millwork and cabinet work in the house have been kept to a minimum. The high storage cabinet that screens the dining area from the living room proper is the major built-in feature. While the height of this cabinet creates privacy on either side, it also permits a sense of continuous and unified space. This unity of interior design is also achieved by the use of identical draperies in the living room, dining area, and parents' bedroom.

The lighting for the exhibition house was designed by Richard Kelly to accent the exhibition character of the building. It demonstrates a proper balance of light without being overly dramatic. Mr. Kelly also designed the adjustable hanging lamps which are suspended on reels.



STREET FACADE.



Photo: Ezra Stoller, Pictor

# Living Room

Building Materials: Walnut plywood paneling, United States Plywood Corp.; gypsum plaster board ceiling, National Gypsum Co.; plastic floor tiles and installation, Tile-Tex Division; chimney face brick, Fredenburg & Lounsbury Inc.; masonry supplies, Anderson Brick & Supply Co. Inc.; soapstone hearth, Atlas Tile & Marble Works Inc.; fireplace damper, H. W. Covert Co.; Waylite block and brick, Cincrete Corp.; fire brick, Harbison-Walker Refractories Co.; lime, Limestone Products Corp.; masonry cement, Louisville Cement Co.; flue lining, Robinson Clay Products Co.; sliding door hardware and curtain track, Grant Pulley & Harbware Co.

Furnishings: Sofa-chaise, Balboa Pacific Corp.; library table, Pacific Iron Products Co.; armchair and side chair, Knoll Associates; side table, Pascoe Industries Inc.; rug, Belrug Mills Inc.; floor lamp, Richards-Morgenthau Co.; fireplace equipment, William H. Jackson Co. & Bloomingdale Bros. Inc.; radio, Hallicrafters Co.; drapery, upholstery and cushion fabrics, Arundell Clarke; draperies and cushion made by Vagn Larsen; vases, Jacques Seligmann Galleries, Martin Freeman Co., Bloomingdale Bros. Inc.; clock, Howard Miller Clock Co.; cigarette box and ashtrays, Joseph Franken; books, J. Ray Peck, Simon & Schuster.

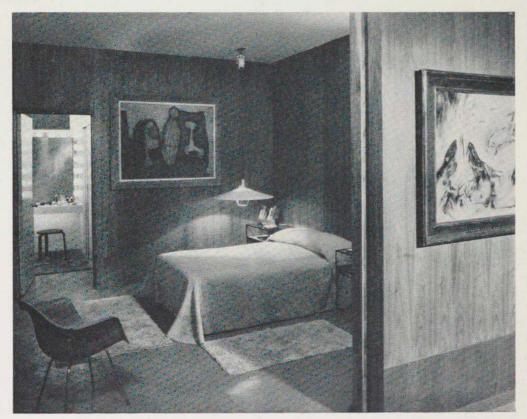


Photo: Gray-O'Reilly Studio

#### Parents' Bedroom

Building Materials: Plate glass, PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS Co.; steel sash, TRUSCON STEEL Co.; lighting fixtures, WIREMOLD Co.; wiring material, CITY ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTORS INC.; lamp bulbs, GENERAL ELECTRIC Co.

Furnishings: Bed, Simmons Co.; armchair, Herman Miller Furniture Co.; bedside tables, Molla Inc.; rug, Belrug Mills Inc.; bedspread fabric, Arundell Clarke; bedspread made by Vagn Larsen; book stand, Plus Studio; hanging lamp, Middletown Mfg. Co.; telephone, New York Telephone Co.

# Dressing Room, Bathrooms and Corridor

Building Materials: Plywood & Mengel flush doors, United States Plywood Corp.; bathroom fixtures, Crane Co.; Glide-All sliding doors, Woodall Industries Inc.; medicine cabinets and bathroom accessories, G. M. Ketcham Mfg. Corp.; mirror and glass, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; ceiling lights, Kurt Versen Co.; wall lights, Kliegl Bros. Universal Electric Stage Lighting Co.; lighting fixture shield, The Roc Industrial Corp.; Nu-hue paint, Martin-Senour Co.; lock sets and hardware, Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.; door hinges, The Stanley Works.

Furnishings: Stool, Pascoe Industries Inc.; rug, Belrug Mills Inc.; dresser set, Saks Fifth Avenue; linens, Bloomingdale Bros. Inc.



Photo: Ezra Stoller, Pictor

# **Dining Area**

Building Materials: Micarta counter top, UNITED STATES PLYWOOD CORP.; Glide-All sliding doors, WOODALL INDUSTRIES INC.; ceiling lights, GENERAL LIGHTING CO. INC.; thresholds, JULIUS BLUM & CO. INC.; lock sets, YALE & TOWNE MFG. CO.; door hinges, THE STANLEY WORKS.

Furnishings: Dining table, Pacific Iron Products Co.; dining chairs, Knoll Associates; tableware, Putney Pottery, Libbey Glass Co., Bonniers, Emily W. Ellis Inc.; hanging lamp, Middletown Mfg. Co.; coffee set, Court Associates Inc.

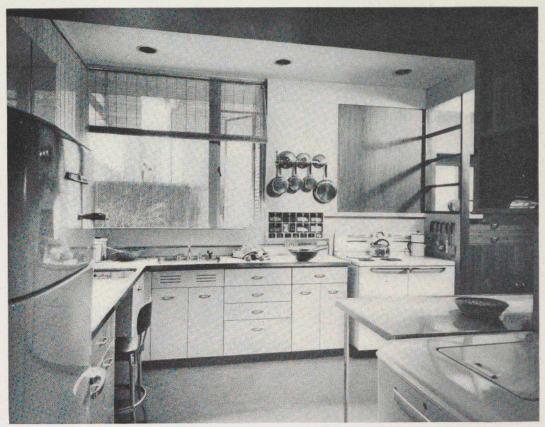


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### Kitchen

Building Materials: Plywood, United States Plywood Corp.; plastic floor tiles, Tile-Tex Division; glass, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; cabinets, Textolite counter tops and electric appliances, General Electric Co.; ceiling lights, General Lighting Co. Inc.; Nu-hue paint, Martin-Senour Co.; Plugmold, Wiremold Co.

Furnishings: Spice set and cooking utensils, Bloomingdale Bros. Inc., Revere Copper & Brass Inc.; bamboo shades, Arundell Clarke; kitchen chair, Hamilton Mfg. Corp.; Kent Floor Machine, Edmar Equipment Co.



Photo: Ezra Stoller, Pictor

# Children's Rooms

Building Materials: Oak Plankweld, United States Plywood Corp.; plastic floor tiles, Tile-Tex Division; gypsum board, National Gypsum Co.; glass, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; steel sash, Truscon Steel Co.; Glide-All sliding doors, Woodall Industries Inc.; lighting units, Wiremold Co.; lamp bulbs, General Electric Co.; sliding door hardware and curtain track, Grant Pulley & Hardware Co.; lock sets, Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.; door hinges, The Stanley Works.

Furnishings: Storage units, Herman Miller Furniture Co.; beds, Simmons Co.; desks, stools and toys, Creative Playthings; bedside table, Molla Inc.; side chair, Knoll Associates; stool, Pascoe Industries Inc.; bedspread fabric and bamboo shades, Arundell Clarke; bedspreads made by Vagn Larsen; rugs, Belrug Mills Inc.; hanging lamps, Middletown Mfg. Co.; pottery, Martin Freeman Co.

# Works of Art from The Museum of Modern Art Collections

#### Painting and Sculpture

Burchfield, Charles: The East Wind, 1918, Watercolor.

Magritte, René: The False Mirror, 1928, Oil on canvas.

Matta (Sebastian Antonio Matta Echaurren): Listen to Living. 1941. Oil on canvas.

Weber, Max: Morning, 1930. Gouache.

Osver, Arthur: Melancholy of a Rooftop. 1942. Oil on canvas.

#### Prints and Drawings

Bertoia, Harry: Composition. 1943. Color monoprint, printed from movable forms.

Braque, Georges: Teapot with Lemons. 1947. Color lithograph.

Hayter, Stanley William: The Rape of Lucretia. 1934. Engraving and soft ground etching.

Hopper, Edward: The Lonely House, 1922. Etching.

Hopper, Edward: Evening Wind, 1921. Etching.

Kepes, Juliet: Lion, M. A. 1941. Color serigraph.

Kuniyoshi, Yasuo: Fisherman. 1924. Dry brush and india ink.

Miro, Joan: Acrobats in the Garden at Night. 1948. Color lithograph.

Reder, Bernard: Lady of the Middle Ages. 1949. Color woodcut.

Children's paintings from the classes of The People's Art Center of The Museum of Modern Art.



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#### Cost of the House

#### Construction

It is impossible to quote a fixed price for the Exhibition House since the cost of construction is dependent upon a number of variables that will affect it in a decisive manner. These variables include geographic location and site requirements, local conditions as far as labor and contractors are concerned, and opportunities for buying certain materials at advantageous prices.

These variables are all the more important because this is a builder's house and not a custom design for an individual client. While buyers may request certain minor changes in the plan, economies in construction can be effected only if these houses are built in quantity within a development, and if all units retain substantially the same plan.

In quantities, the cost of one house may vary from \$15,500 to \$19,500. This rough estimate does not include the hardwood panelling, the Roman brick or the elaborate lighting shown in the exhibition house. All these would be replaced by more economical materials and equipment.

We are indebted to the builders of the following developments who have cooperated with us by preparing estimates of the cost of construction of groups of houses of this design. These builders are in no way committed to building such houses at any given figure:

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#### **Furnishings**

The prices of the furnishings are listed in a separate leaflet and are not included in the estimate of the cost of the house.

#### Works of Art

The paintings (oils and watercolors) range in value from about \$100 to \$900.

Other copies of the prints (lithographs, engravings, etchings, serigraphs, monoprints, etc.) or their equivalents, may be purchased from dealers or artists in New York for \$5 up to \$100. Inquiries may be made at the Print Room on the fourth floor of the museum, between two and five, Monday through Friday.

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VIEW OF LIVING ROOM AND PARENTS' BEDROOM FROM TERRACE.

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COMPANY	glass, mirror	Corporation	concrete & sand
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