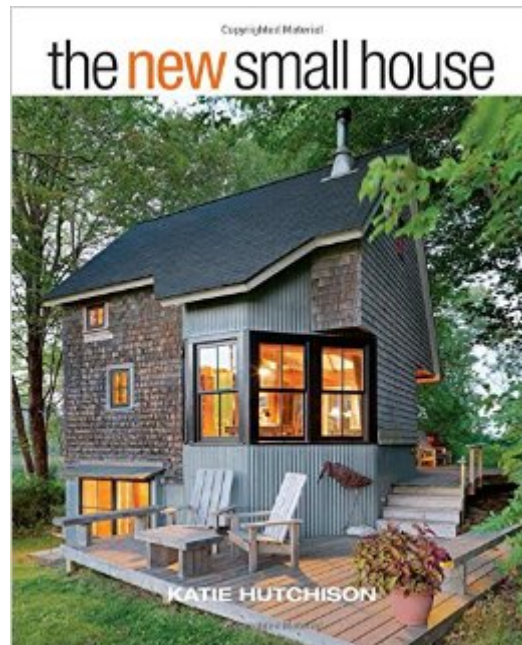


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# The New Small House



## 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

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.

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