

Transforming Your House Into Home

By Sarah Susanka

Home By Design: Transforming Your House into Home by Sarah Susanka is a groundbreaking new book that examines the key design concepts behind well-designed homes. Sarah Susanka, best-selling author, award-winning architect, and champion of the “Not So Big” movement has changed the way people are thinking about their homes. Susanka’s newest book, **Home By Design** empowers homeowners everywhere to transform a house from mere shelter into a comfortable home filled with character and beauty.

Home By Design reveals 30 key concepts that can be applied to any home, starting from the ground up or when redesigning an old treasure. A useful tool for every homeowner, **Home By Design** delivers fresh, “real-life” ideas for every home regardless of size, style or location. With the guidance of Susanka’s concepts, also known as the “architects’ toolbox,” homeowners, builders, interior designers and architects are able to discover how to transform a house into a true home. Susanka uses 28 of the most thoughtfully designed homes in the country to bring her design concepts to readers. These ideas, from the simple notion of where to place a rug, to the addition of a reading nook, spring to life through 150 clear and inspirational examples. Organized into three sections – Space, Light, and Order – **Home By Design** unveils a single design principle in each chapter; what it is, how and why it works, and how the homeowner can use it their own home.

- “**Space**” explores entryways, activity spaces such as alcoves and window seats, ceiling height variety, interior views and layering. The space concepts can be used in any home in order to create a more comfortable living environment.
- “**Light**” looks at the creative ways in which light, both natural and generated are used to enhance any home. View and non-view windows, reflective surfaces, reflective ceilings, light coves, and textures and colors that generate light are explored as this concept of light is examined.
- “**Order**” helps in creating an organized strategy. Patterns, geometry, alignments, rhythm and themes are all discussed and clear, concise, and extremely visual examples are given. These concepts help homeowners in understanding the rhyme and reason behind the feeling of “home”.

Home By Design, offers thoughtful insight and paves the way for a successful dialogue between homebuilding professionals and customers that will ensure the houses they build and remodel together are truly fulfilling and inspiring. This beautifully crafted book will suggest to homeowners, projects –both simple and complex– that will transform their homes into individualized, personality-filled spaces.

About The Not So Big House

Sarah Susanka's first book, *The Not So Big House*, launched a revolution in residential architecture and changed the way we think about our homes. *Not So Big* and her next two books, *Creating the Not So Big House*, and *Not So Big Solutions for Your Home*, inspired over one million readers, and continue to receive national media attention. To learn more about the Not So Big philosophy, visit www.entsobighouse.com.

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