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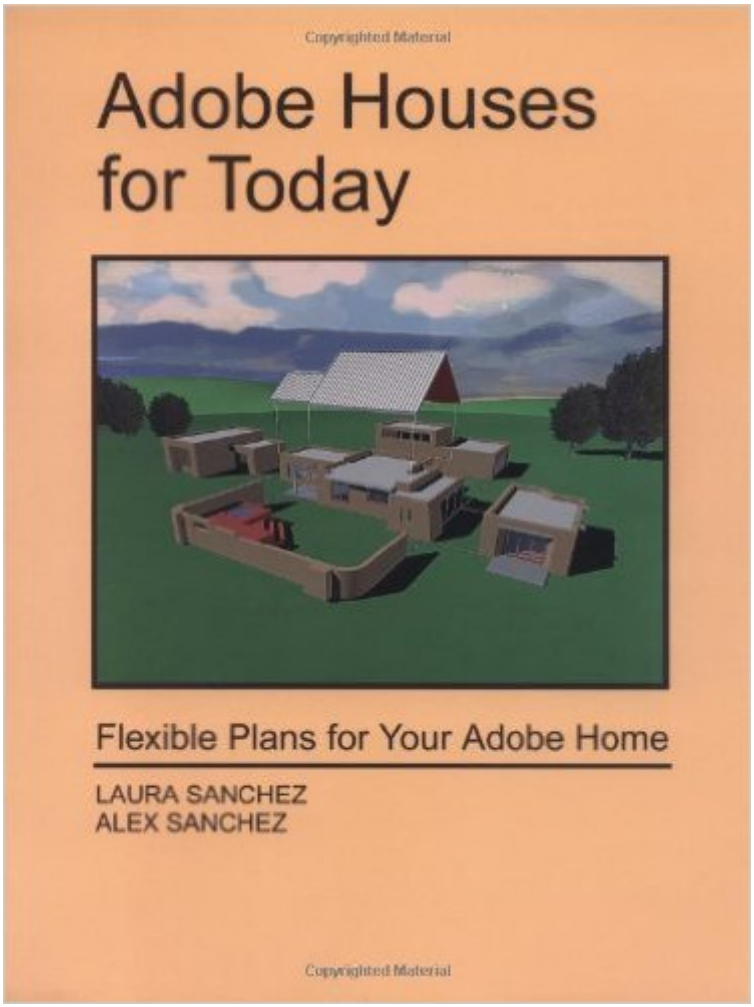

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Synopsis

ADOBE HOUSES FOR TODAY features 12 plans for compact, beautifully-proportioned adobe homes in modern and traditional styles. Yet the book offers much more. The richly illustrated text shows how the basic houses, designed for today's smaller families, can be as flexible as a set of building blocks. Intriguing drawings demonstrate how readers can expand and adapt the plans to fit their own budgets, family sizes, style preferences, and building sites. After a brief look at adobe's rich history, ADOBE HOUSES FOR TODAY surveys adobe's advantages as a building material. Next, readers take an eye-opening tour through the facts and fantasies of energy conservation. Then, the heart of the book illustrates the basic and expanded versions of the plans, using them as examples of design techniques that increase livability and control costs in any house. The book also explains site requirements, adobe construction, and estimating basics with an adobe house that "assembles itself." ADOBE HOUSES FOR TODAY and its associated construction drawings are valuable, enjoyable tools not only for those buying, building, or remodeling a house, but also for contractors, drafters, drafting teachers, and real estate professionals.

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I agree with other reviewers that one of the most important features of this book is that in the 12 example plans presented, you can economically plan and build the Basic smaller version of 850 to 1000 sq. ft. and when the need arises, add on to the design. If any design meets your needs, you

can purchase a working blueprint for $25 including postage and also included at no extra cost for the more technically minded, are a CD-ROM of a CAD version of the chosen working drawing that you can alter making this one of the most complete and convenient packages I have had the pleasure to use.The one reviewer who said, "If you are looking for old traditional Adobe home plans this is not what you are looking for." was correct. But, if you are looking for a modern adobe home with passive solar traits that is well thought out and will lead you step-by-step, this is the book/package for you. Covers both traditional "flat roofs" and "gabled roofs".

This is a terrific book to get started thinking about the adobe home you want to build, especially if you're planning on building "green." The floor plans and accompanying CAD generated images are practical and straightforward. The text covers the basics of adobe home building, including the advantages and disadvantages the owner may want to consider first. If you're considering building a modest adobe home, this book is an excellent place to begin. Working blueprints of the floor plans are available for a minimal cost as well should the owner decide to adopt one as is.

This was one of the few books that I have been able to find that has working house plans for adobe building. Although there are only twelve basic plans, they all have multiple configurations that actually make a wide variety of ideas.

Adobe Houses For Today: Flexible Plans For Your Adobe Home by Laura and Alex Sanchez showcases twelve plans for constructing compact, aesthetic adobe homes in modern and traditional styles. Chapters cover the history, advantages and drawbacks, and finances of owning an adobe home, as well as how to build one from the ground up. Black-and-white photographs, computer models, and diagrams clearly illustrate a variety of points. A highly recommended addition to academic and professional architectural studies collections, Adobe Houses For Today is more than a modern guide to an ancient architectural art; it is also a fascinating wealth of information and lore.

great plans suitable for first time and other builders. Each house can be expanded later as needs grow and money is available. All the plans are very practical and good for optimising the sun

Adobe Houses for Today is a concise discussion of building with adobe. All the house plans are well thought out and enable a core house to be built first. While living in the core house, you can build on additional rooms without making structural changes to the core house. The homes appeal to a

variety of builders from southwest flat roof styles to homes with gable roofs. Excellent resource.

this book was very informative, and had mulitple plans with all kinds of potential additions. great book for someone looking for a book that can give them concrete ideas for building an adobe house.

Informative and you learn a lot. Has some really great illustrations. Has a number of plans in the book for you to take ideas from. Doesn't leave much room for those who want to plan their own. But over all is very informative and helpful and they also list a number of resources. In conjunction with other adobe books you can't go wrong. I'd recommend it.

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