



HOME DESIGNER Cathy Cook spruces up the master bedroom upstairs. Featured are a brass bed, a bedroom fireplace, and a commanding view from the bed of the Sandy River below the bluff.

Rustic describes Cook's home

Rustic and efficient best describe the beautiful, new cedar home of Cathy and Bruce Cook of Sandy.

The building's clean, dramatic lines spiral skyward behind Scenic Drive for seclusion among the trees.

Large picture windows and a sundeck in back open to a view overlooking a bluff and Rosalin Lake in the distance.

Dream House
It is the dream house of Cathy Cook who designed it on a lot next door to the couple's previous home.

She planned it to fit the young couple's lifestyle and their personalities.

"We wanted a certain amount of rusticity to the whole house," Bruce said, "but also clean lines, too."

Cathy seconds that. "We needed to have clean lines and simplicity, because I had so many things I've collected and had to fit things around."

Consequently, there is little wasted space in the amazingly large 2,000 square feet—actually less than the couple had next door.

Their love for nature is apparent in the giant Maple tree allowed to continue its free ascent skyward through a cut-out hole in the deck, off the living room.

The building's exterior was sealed so that the cedar will remain one color on the sides and deck, with only the roof affected by weathering.

The kitchen employs modern solar lighting of layered glass, to draw in extra heat in winter months.

There's also an efficient wood-burning stove, with provision for a draft of stove heat rising up a facing wall into the upstairs master bedroom.

No Curtains
"I don't like curtains which seem to be fashionable now," Cathy said. So there are no shades in

any rooms except those demanding privacy—the guest room and bath, and here Mrs. Cook opts instead for blinds.

The bluff-side, off-street privacy of the home affords the chance for installation of a whirlpool outside bath in an eight-foot circle cut-out in the sundeck. This will all slide indoors in a complete lower level to the house.

Some 60 ferns throughout the house carry out Cathy's nature theme in greens to match the wood browns and stone fireplace.

Stones for the downstairs fireplace were carried in from Sandy River for a rustic effect to mirror Forest Service cabins. An interworking of wood complements the gray stone of the fireplace.

Eventually, the Cooks plan to erect a high cedar fence all around the house.

The country kitchen features a portable island which can roll out to clear enough room for dancing.

A Dumb Waiter

A dumb waiter to the master bedroom will carry firewood from downstairs to a second fireplace above.

Cathy opted for a large pantry off the kitchen which she hopes to fill this fall with canning.

Touch lighting throughout the house was one small concession to the modern.

Mrs. Cook designed a long window bench along the picture windows overlooking the lake and river in the distance for the couple's two small dogs to perch.

A complete stereo system is built into the house.

One can shut off rooms and closets with sliding doors to virtually heat the entire home with the single small wood-burning stove.

The Cooks planned for 400-amp electrical service instead of the common 200.



THE KITCHEN in Cook home — a blend of modern and traditional practicality.

"In the long run, it's cheaper to do it right," Bruce said. "It's easier to get at it when you're building it than later."

The upstairs master bedroom commands a sweeping view over the bluff, while the adjoining master bathroom bathes in luxury with a Victorian tub, stained glass window, walls of full-length mirrors and globe bright lighting.

Plan Ahead and Cathy designed and

decorated her dream house to accommodate their present furniture.

So the move next door wasn't a great obstacle, and decorating was pre-planned.

The Cooks moved into their completed home just three weeks ago, with paving of the driveway yet to come.

Construction by Trimble Construction and subcontractors, mostly local, began last October.

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