

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Suburban Home Has Luxury Of Penthouse

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The desire to adapt luxury features of penthouse living to suburban and country settings was responsible for the creation of this striking yet practical ranch house.

Double and even triple use rooms and living areas plus optional additions for growing family needs make this exceptional house with its abundant terraces larger still.

The basic house is just over 1,800 square feet—well below the luxury class. Even if an optional maid's room and third bath are added, the square footage still is moderate.

Designed by the well known architect, Lester Cohen, it has been selected as HW-94 in the House of The Week series.

Cohen says:

"Today's moderns want sophisticated living on a penthouse scale in suburban and country settings. The interest today is in a luxury house with unusual features that would be right at home in a sleek-top-of-the-world penthouse."

"Yet, this plan has been achieved within a moderate budget, keyed to today's economic realities. Skillful use of the outdoors makes the house still larger. Again, like a penthouse, this is one-level living plus a partial basement with extra teen-ager play space and working utilities."

Five Bedrooms Possible

Basic areas include three bedrooms, two baths, living room, dining room and kitchen plus a sports or recreation room which can become a fourth bedroom, and a guest room or study which can become a fifth bedroom.

Additionally the area over the garage can be converted into a maid's room with bath—or into a playroom area for children handy to supervision from the kitchen.

The kitchen, 24½ by 9½ feet, is large enough so that a separate breakfast room may be set off in the area. There is a butler's pantry, open to the kitchen and to the dining room. The kitchen has a service entrance.

HW-94 lends itself to unusual decorating schemes, especially in the area of the two-way fireplace the magnificent windows throughout the house and the sports room, designed particularly for hobbies.

Other uncommon features include an art gallery, a glide-out bar which serves both indoor and outdoor areas, and a master bedroom with sliding glass doors opening onto a dropped sun terrace.

This terrace is surrounded by a fence and a stone wall for privacy. It could serve ideally, too, as an area for the carriage of an infant at naptime.

The house, Cohen sums up, "is just made for the family that misses city living and yet, for the children, wants to adapt such living to the suburbs and country."



THIS HOUSE WAS DESIGNED for sophisticated living in a suburban or country setting. It has luxury features usually found in sleek, penthouse apartments. Yet the size of the house is moderate.

Statistics

There are 1,812 square feet of living area in House of The Week HW-94. Add 608 square feet for the garage and laundry, and 228 square feet for the optional maid's room. Overall dimensions of the house, including the garage and terraces, are 92 feet by 41 feet 4 inches. A minimum lot of 112 feet by 100 feet is recommended. The ideal site would be an acre plot.

The kitchen is suited to "one-woman" homemaking but if a maid is required for entertaining, the butler's pantry permits two or more persons to work in the kitchen and pantry area without clutter or discomfort.

Built-In Kitchen Desk

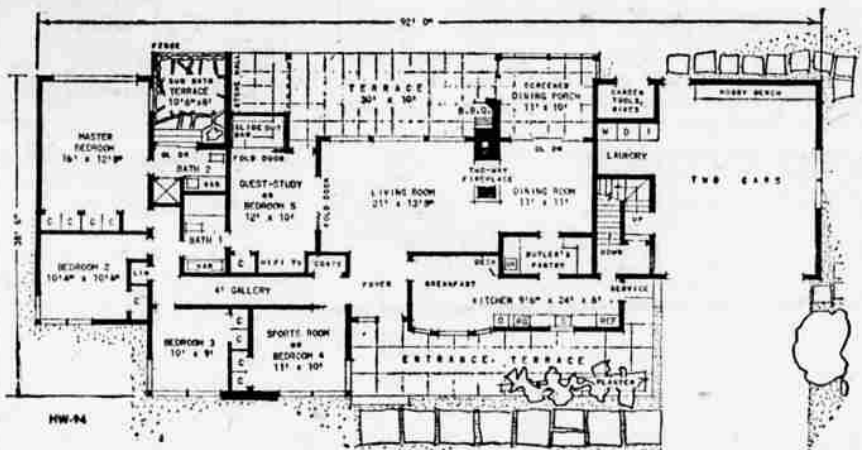
The kitchen has a built-in desk with shelves above. The butler's pantry has an extra sink and space for another dishwasher if desired and more cupboards and cabinets. The service area leads to stairways up to the maid's room and down to the basement.

The service vestibule could serve as a mud room with coat hooks for wet and soiled play clothes. The service entry does not go out to the garage. There is another entry to the garage and laundry. The laundry is on the main level but it could be placed in the basement.

The master bedroom has a ventilation system that operates with the light fixture. Each time the light is turned on the ventilator goes into operation.

There are three terraces—entrance, rear and sun bath terraces—and the screened-in rear dining porch.

The house has a total of 12



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THIS REAR VIEW shows, from left to right, the screened-in dining porch, the barbecue grill and the 30 by 10 foot terrace.

large room closets plus basement storage and attic storage above the garage—and an outdoor gear closet

at the rear.

Exterior materials include stone, wood shingles, vertical siding, ply-

wood battens for the gables, asphalt shingles for the roof and wood fencing and stone walling.

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