

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Entrance Enhances Contemporary Colonial

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First impressions are often based on the least evidence, but they have a habit of outlasting everything that comes later.

Architect Herman H. York has put this quirk in human nature to work in planning this one-story "contemporary Colonial." It gets its best foot forward in a hurry with an inviting terrace entrance designed to create a lasting first impression of expensive elegance.

Not only does the covered terrace outside the main entrance set the proper mood for what is to follow inside, it gives the house a look of added size without appreciable added cost. The corrugated translucent plastic roof over the front terrace also contributes an air of distinction.

The plan has been designated X-33 in the House of the Week series of outstanding architect-designed homes. It has seven rooms and 1½ baths. There are three bedrooms.

Here's how it's arranged inside:

The Family Area

The family room, with lovely bow window, is dropped one step below the level of the kitchen and the dining room. It is separated from the kitchen only by this change in level and an iron railing, a device which ties these two rooms together in a single large and warm family living area.

Mom is at a central control point in the kitchen, overseeing both the backyard and the family room. She also can watch the entire rear yard and terrace from a relaxing divan against the bow window.

The family room has a fireplace and there is a lavatory directly opposite the rear entrance. To cut down housecleaning chores, a mud closet is handy at one side of the rear entrance vestibule.

Formal Living Areas

The living and dining rooms form a central core, accessible



A TERRACE ENTRANCE insures that this home makes a good first impression, bringing guests through a garden gate and across a flagstoned porch before they reach

the main door. The mood of expensive elegance is continued inside, with a sunken family room and inviting rear terrace. The house has three bedrooms and 1½ baths.

from all major rooms. The living room has been laid out, however, so that traffic moves through only one end. This makes it possible to make the larger part of the living room out-of-bounds for the children and reserve it for formal entertaining. The close arrangement of living and dining rooms and front terrace makes it easy to entertain without upsetting evening routine in the family areas. The dining room can be served from the front terrace outdoor barbe-

cue—obtained at modest cost because it is built into the main fireplace chimney—as easily as from the kitchen.

The Sleeping Area

Three bedrooms and a bath are arranged around a center hall. The bathroom has a second door opening on the master bedroom and is placed for convenient access from the living areas. The bath is 10 feet long with a vanity 54 inches long. The two smaller bedrooms are the maximum distance away from the formal entertainment

Storage Facilities

In addition to the full basement, storage is provided at the rear of the long garage and in an 11 sq. ft. linen and storage closet off the bedroom hall. Cleaning equipment can be stored in the mud closet.

The Exterior

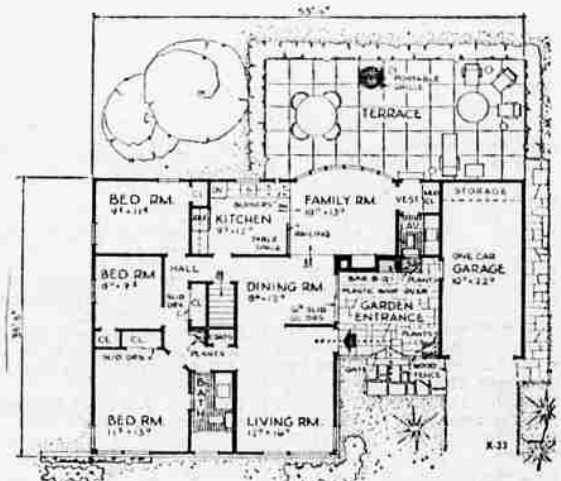
Outside walls are of brick and wood shingles. Architect York suggests a sawed shingle with a striated surface. Hand split shingles may be substituted, but if used should be of a light-weight type. A light color is recommended for the asphalt shingle roof to blend with the corrugated plastic section over the entrance terrace. A notable exterior feature is the plant box carried beyond the end of the house. This gives an appearance of additional length.

Dimensions

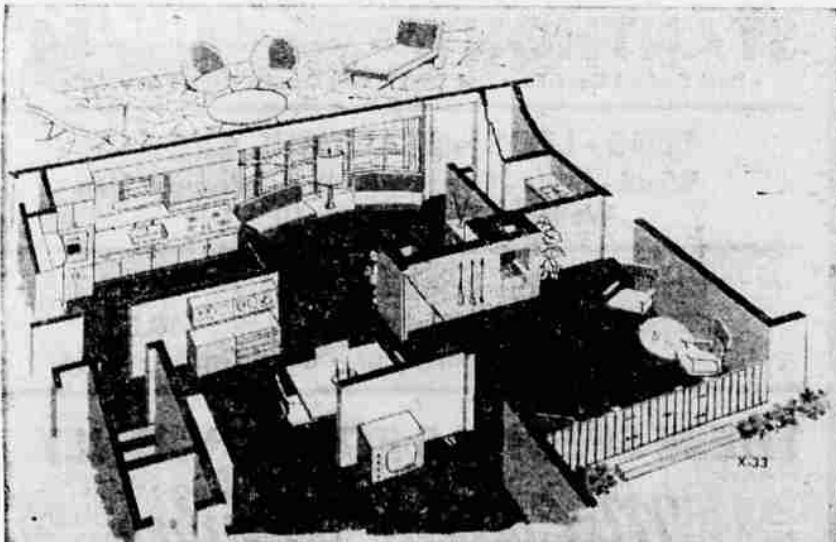
Plan X-33 has an over-all length of 53' and is 35' 5" deep. Minimum lot recommended (also dependent upon local zoning ordinances) is 70' by 100'. The habitable area is 1,212 sq. ft. The garage covers 220 sq. ft.

Kitchen Detail

Kitchen appliances are arranged in an "L" with built-in oven and burner top near the sink. Table space overlooks the family room.



THE FLOOR PLAN for House of the Week X-33 shows the "L" shaped arrangement of formal entertainment areas (living room, dining room, and entrance terrace) and the unity of the family living area (kitchen, family room and rear terrace). Bedrooms are concentrated at one end of the house, with the two smaller ones the maximum distance from the formal entertainment area.



HERE'S A CUTAWAY view looking down on the terrace entrance with its stylish barbecue and (starting at the bottom), a part of the living room, the dining room, and the large family area.

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