

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

You Can Pick Your Own Style



HERE'S X-65 in traditional dress, with an impressive two-story front wall, bay window and covered porch entrance. In this form the home is a back-to-front split level.

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Here's a real double-barreled house plan.

If you're in love with the imposing size and traditional look of a two-story house but want split-level convenience, build this home with the wide dimension to the front.

If you want more modern lines and a slightly smaller width with the identical split level convenience, build the home with the narrow end to the front.

Either way, X-65 in the House of the Week series of distinguished homes will give you a total of seven comfortable rooms, with three bedrooms and — depending on your option — 1½ or 2½ baths.

Price Is Moderate

Both versions, designed by Architect Rudolph A. Matern, were selling this year in a housing development at Riverton, New Jersey, for \$16,990 including the land. The builder, Strausman Construc-

tion Company, estimates the property cost averaged \$2,500 per lot, which would indicate the builder's price for the house (with 2½ baths but no fireplace) was \$14,490. Substantial economies, of course, are available to the large-scale builder and construction costs vary widely from city to city. The only way to determine X-65's cost in your area is to write for the Study Plan and get local estimates.

The garage and foyer arrangement is the key to the home's adaptability to either of two front elevations. When the broad side is to the front, garage and foyer fit into the left side of the recreation room level. Under the alternate that brings the narrow side to the front, garage and foyer are moved to the right side. In this version the living room also receives a floor-to-ceiling window next to the imposing fireplace wall. Here's an area-by-area description:

Living and Sleeping Rooms

The "in-line" living and dining

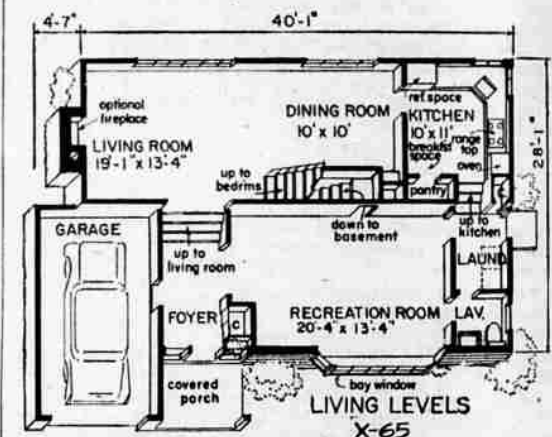
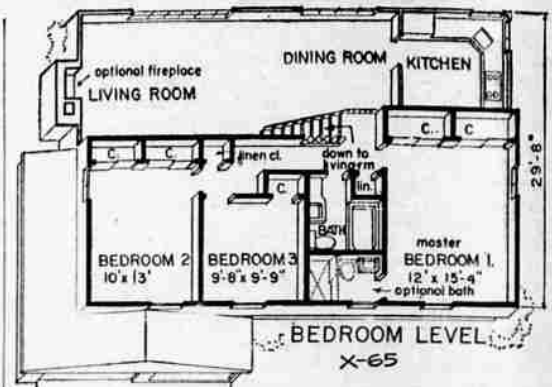
rooms provide an unbroken space 29 feet long, with a sloping ceiling and an attractive stairway rising to the bedroom section. The three large bedrooms on the upper level are well located for privacy. Space is provided off the master bedroom for either a big walk-in closet or a private bath.

Housekeeping and Casual Areas

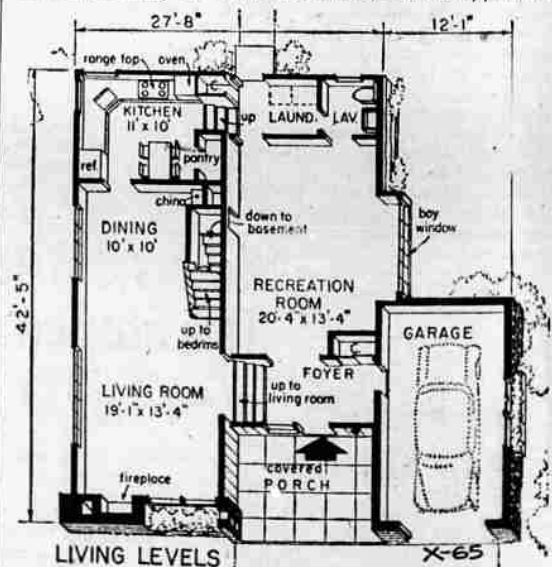
The entire work section is concentrated at one end of the house. The kitchen has a large pantry and its two outside walls are lined with countertop cabinets with an angled sink in the corner. Down just four steps is the laundry, lavatory, and service entrance. The recreation room, just as big as the living room, also is handy to kitchen and lavatory. It has direct access from the front foyer and the service door, which should keep much of the daily routine traffic in an informal room which is easily cleaned.

Storage and Dimensions

Eleven large closets provide abundant space even for a big family. In addition, there is provision for a full basement under the living room level. Square foot area of the upper two levels is 1,199. The recreation room level adds another 485 square feet. With the broad side to the front, overall width is 44' 8" and depth 29' 8". The alternate front elevation is 39' 9" wide by 42' 3" deep.



BASIC FLOOR PLAN: Here's the room arrangement in traditional style. Most "foyer to kitchen" traffic will move through the recreation room, saving wear in living room. Impressive living room is guaranteed by sloping ceiling and balcony stairway to the three bedrooms on the upper level.



ALTERNATE: Here's how entrance is changed for the modern look. In addition to new handling of garage and porch, a floor-to-ceiling window is placed next to fireplace.

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