

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Two-Story Homes Making Comeback

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Here's a plan aimed at that large and growing number of people who yearn for the stately splendor of the two-story house.

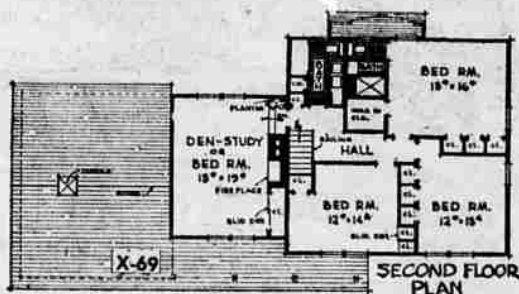
Although one-level design remains the most popular modern style, there are signs of a comeback by the old-fashioned two-story home. This plan is a good example of why many prospective owners are giving the two-story new attention.

Probably most important to the resurging interest in the two-story is its attractive exterior. It's hard to top the look of warm hospitality made possible by two-level design. Architect Herman H. York fully developed the potential in designing X-69 in the House of the Week series.

He achieved a Colonial effect, apparent in the long covered front porch and window arrangement, that will make the house look perfectly at home anywhere in the United States. Subtly blended in with these lines are two important contemporary details: a low roof pitch and wide overhang.

Efficient Floor Plan

But two-story advantages don't stop outside. Important to every house is its traffic pattern. In this layout the central foyer and rear hall form a core from which all living areas radiate. At the rear vestibule is a lavatory and mud closet, plus a laundry area. Once the family is up, the daily routine can be restricted to the ground floor level.



SECOND FLOOR: All four upstairs rooms are of generous size. Master bedroom has private bath and walk-in closet.

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CHARMING COLONIAL: This two-story design has a total of eight rooms, with three bedrooms and a den upstairs. Recreation room, with fireplace, acts as informal living

room downstairs. Center hall arrangement provides excellent circulation pattern.

One of the special features downstairs is the big recreation room down two steps to the left of the foyer. York has put a big brick fireplace in this room on the theory that its cheery warmth is more appropriate to informal living here than to the formality of the main living room. The fireplace and exposed ceiling beams give the room an early American air that is bound to delight a home decorator.

Access to Terrace

Sliding glass doors lead from the recreation room to the spacious rear terrace.

The formal living room is on the opposite side of the foyer, joined to the dining room in the popular

"L" shape. While the recreation room faces the informal area to the rear of the house, the living room overlooks the front. Large unbroken wall spaces make furniture arrangement easy.

The big kitchen is centrally located, handy both to the dining room and the rear service hall. There's an abundance of counter and cabinet space, plus a bow window to make the room cheerful. The kitchen can accommodate a dining table with room to spare.

There are three bedrooms up-

stairs, plus a fourth room that can be used either as a den or as a fourth bedroom. Like the recreation room directly below it, this fourth room is equipped with a fireplace.

The master bedroom has a private bath with shower and a walk-in closet. The main bath has a double lavatory.

Exterior Materials

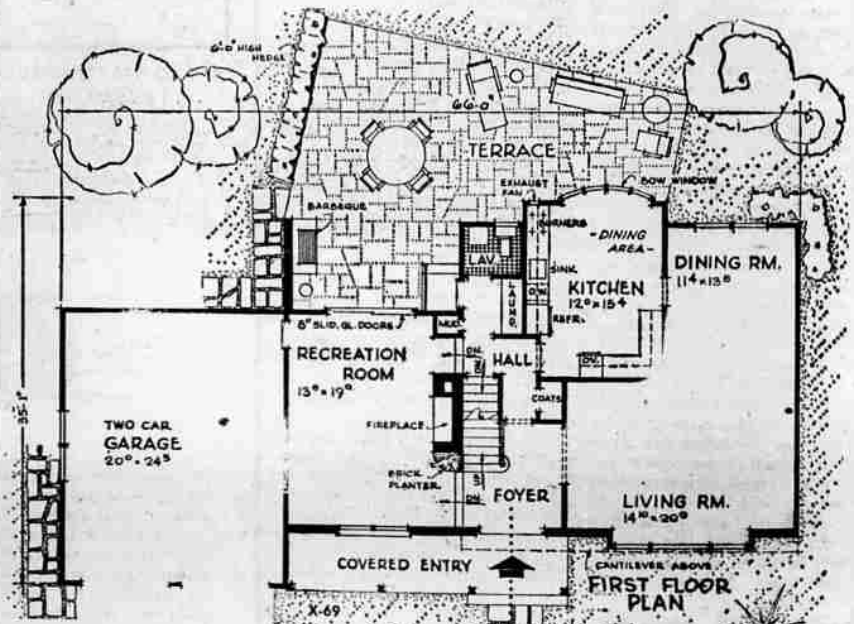
Wood shingles, brick and vertical boards and battens carry out the Colonial theme of the exterior. York points out that the covered porch does more than protect the

front entrance from the weather—it creates a horizontal line which increases the apparent length of the house and closely links the two-car garage with the main house.

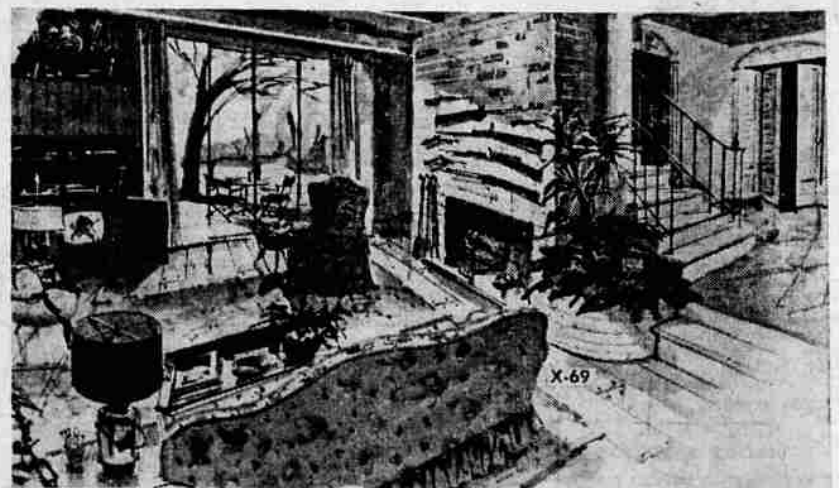
Statistics

The plan provides 1,198 square feet of habitable area on the main floor. The second floor adds another 1,201 square feet.

Over-all dimensions are 66' in length by 35' 1" in depth. The house has a full basement. Basement stairway opens on the rear vestibule.



FIRST FLOOR: Note how the recreation room is oriented toward informal living area at rear, while formal living room faces the front.



ROOM WITH A HERITAGE: This artist's conception shows the recreation room decorated in Early American style. Period accent is provided by fireplace, exposed ceiling beams and cabinets.