



Mona's House

Address: 1049 Hosbrook Street

Architect: Mark Beebe Architects, LLC

Builder: Main Street Homes

Developer: Southeast Neighborhood Development Corp.

The best way to describe not only this home, but the Fountain Square neighborhood is: "Not so Big," a design phrase coined by architect and author, Sarah Susanka. This colorful home fits well into this quirky artsy community, and the design proves that good design comes in all shapes and sizes. While the size and scale of the house fits right in with the neighborhood, it strikes a more modern pose with its low-slung roof and dark metal siding. This is no ordinary front porch, either, as you make a couple of intimate turns before arriving at the threshold into the "wow" space of the home: a two-story great room.

This 1,280-square-foot, two-bedroom house packs a lot of punch. Architect Mark Beebe used large windows to let natural light pour in, as well as help spaces feel larger than they are. The loft master bedroom suite is accented by larger corner windows, and it's open to the great room below.

The homeowner furnished the space with some of her favorite finds from around the globe, including oriental carpets, teak wood furnishings and tile from Jordan. She plans to create an urban farm in the backyard, which all is in line with this high-efficiency, not-so-big house built on a budget.