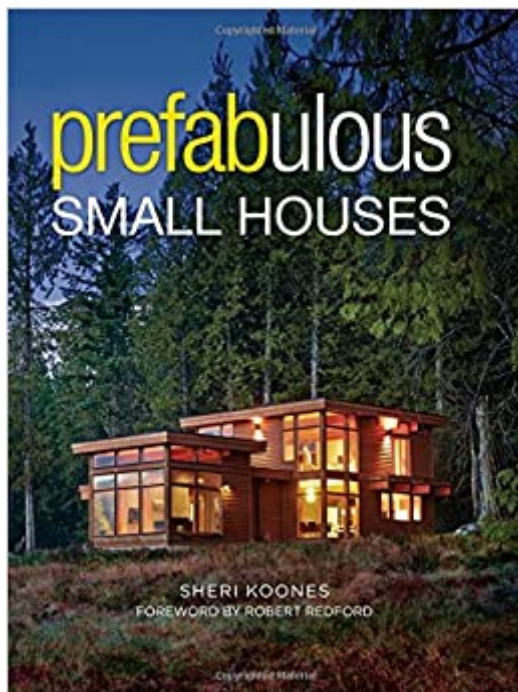


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# Prefabulous Small Houses



## Synopsis

Prefab home construction has come into its own. Prefabricated homes used to be considered inferior to houses built on site, but not anymore. In *Prefabulous Small Houses*, best-selling author Sheri Koones presents 32 stunning prefabricated homes from around North America. 250 beautiful photographs and floorplans show the amazing breadth of styles available to today's homeowners. Small is the new big. Everyone from Millennials looking to buy their first homes to Boomers trying to downsize have turned to small houses in recent years. These homes cost less to build, less to heat, and less to maintain. All of the houses in *Prefabulous Small Houses* range from 325 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft. and showcase construction methods perfect for any climate. Building better, building greener. All of the houses featured here are highly energy efficient and are built with sustainability in mind. In eco-friendly prefab construction, local materials are used when possible, metals and wood are recycled, and houses are built with a conscious attempt to preserve the land on which they now stand. A foreword by actor and environmentalist Robert Redford speaks to the urgency with which we must act to combat climate change and how prefabricated small homes have a role to play in that challenge. Amazing diversity. The houses presented here cover a truly remarkable range of custom styles and exciting locales, including: • The Lake Union Floating House in Washington, which is built right in the water with hybrid marine construction techniques • The 325-sq.-ft Casita de Invierno in Florida, made of just 4 rooms with high ceilings • The Westport Beach House in Connecticut, built using a panelized system on the ocean front • And many more, coast to coast

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"This book demonstrates the use of materials and techniques from the past to make eco-friendly small-home living more achievable and comfortable." (National Association of Realtors)"Presenting the benefits of small-scale, prefab construction, Koones takes us through an instructional and aesthetic journey that's hard to find fault with." (The Boston Globe)"Prefab housing isn't a subculture anymore, it's a necessity." (Fast Company)

Sheri Koones is a bestselling author and expert on prefabrication whose previous books include *Modular Mansions*, *Prefabulous*, *Prefabulous + Sustainable*, *Prefabulous + Almost Off the Grid*, and *Prefabulous World*. She won the prestigious Robert Bruss Real Estate Book Award from NAREE in 2008, 2011, and 2013. Koones is also a columnist and speaker.

Due to a learning disorder, I have always been marginally employed, so I was looking to build an energy efficient house, that I could afford, that would be similar in design to a higher quality Habitat for Humanity home. It was hard to tell from this book if any of these homes with their energy efficient features, could even be built for less than a \$100,000. and remember you still have to get the land. I loved the book, the designs were wonderful, but as a regular person, not involved in construction, I found it hard to calculate a cost per square foot, or if I could design a house and use more than 1 major technology, ie. solar or geothermal, for the house design to stay under my target budget. That being said, This is the second book I have purchased from this author. The books are gorgeously photographed, with great detail and instruction about the materials used.

Great book. From very small to what I consider big - all with great use of space and very beautiful. From modern to traditional.

My wife and I are enjoying this book tremendously. After years of living in residences that are not prefabricated we are now researching and embarking on a new adventure that will rely on custom prefabrication. This book is, like the other books about prefab this author has written, not only a great inspiration and wellspring of knowledge/resources it is also a beautiful presentation. Everytime I pick it up I discover something new and wonderful about prefab architecture and construction techniques. Recommend it highly for anyone who is thinking about or planning to build a new home.

5 stars

No real information here. More of a coffee table book.

Not just a coffee table book. Sure, Taunton Press reliably publishes the most beautiful house books on this side of the Atlantic but what makes this book special is the content (which admittedly includes abundant mouth-watering photos). Sheri Koones has been writing about factory delivered homes for over a decade and in that time everything has changed (and her books have kept up with those changes). Prefab is no longer about fast and cheap. Now it's about energy efficiency, superior quality, high design, innovation AND affordability. Koones is a master of this subject having studied big houses and small houses from coast to coast in this country as well as the best prefabs from abroad. In this, her eighth title, she delves into how prefabrication is enabling the growing trend in smaller homes. People across the country are now embracing Sarah Susanka's advice to make houses that are "not so big" - but still incredibly well designed. In this book Koones collects the best of the best and shows how prefabrication has made small architecture possible, Each is different but all are successful in their "small" way. The characteristic Taunton diagrams and the glossary of resources alone would be worth the book price. I look forward to using this book with my online students at the Yestermorrow School. Pure inspiration!

Lots of great photos and design ideas.

I LOVE this book! It is a great inspiration to the building project that we're considering!

There were no really smaller homes for the average person who does not have access to millions in funds.

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