

PLAN A

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**T**iny houses, micro-, small-, and-humble-homes are all part of a movement within the design community, with some of the houses as small as 80 square feet. Many of these homes are built on a trailer for portability, which avoids building code concerns and the taxes associated with a more permanent structure. But tiny house designs can be permanent structures, residing within the confines of a larger home's property. With an emphasis on economical use of space, this casita adds an additional living area to an existing home. The casita serves multiple functions, both aesthetic and functional.

For privacy, the entrance to the casita is hidden inside the tower on the way to the front door of the main house. The entry into the well-lit living room reveals a cozy fireplace at the far end flanked by two large windows. To the right and opening into the enclosed courtyard is a pair of French doors, revealing the partial source of light. Past the well-appointed kitchenette opposite the entrance is the hall leading to the bedroom suite, which includes a generous closet for extended stays. Facing the interior courtyard of the house, the bedroom can be opened up on warm summer nights to capture cool breezes. The casita's independent mechanical system allows for maximum comfort and control.

- A The compact plan is well lit and ventilated.
- B An independent mechanical system allows for greater control of the space's climate.
- C The full bath features a large walk-in shower.
- D French doors opening into the courtyard from both the living area and the bedroom provide light and ventilation in all seasons.
- E Privacy is key when space is limited. Here the entrance is off to the side of the main entrance and takes advantage of the entrance for a separate, private porch.
- F The kitchenette can be customized for a variety of culinary functions.
- G The fireplace is the focal point of one end of the room with generous windows on either side.
- H An extended stay closet will leave guests wishing they had packed that extra pair of shoes.

