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completed 2005
house: 800 square feet
strawbale & post/beam structure
earthen and lime plaster

Our house is largely a mix of many past houses. It started with a trip to the dump one day that resulted in our returning with more than we left with. We became aware of a few houses slated for the dump that had not yet been demolished. This was even better. Our house is about 85% salvaged materials- including lumber, doors, chimney pipe, finish materials, and even a Sub-Zero 4'-0" refrigerator. It features passive solar design with a dark earthen floor that allows us to leave the radiant heat off during the winter for three years now.

The footprint of our home is made even smaller by 2'-0" thick straw bale walls. With two people and two large dogs, we needed to plan some space-saving ideas into the home. Our dining room table is sunk into the floor and there is a removable floor over it. Part of our redwood barrel shower is a focal point in the living room & the interior rooms have low ceilings allowing the main ceiling to read above giving the house a more open feel.



featured in:
- 'reduce, reuse, recycle'. a TV commercial 2006, Jackson, Wy.
- 'Strawbale Home Plans', Wayne Bingham & Colleen Smith. Gibbs Smith 2007.
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