

THE ALTOS HOUSE

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PLAN SIZE

Width: 46 feet
Depth: 100 feet
Living area: 2,100 sf



Custom homes always come with interesting requests. This client wanted to save a giant blue spruce tree, avoid having to back the car out onto a busy street, maximize access to the yards, and minimize the use of wood. We created an entry court with the tree at its center. The front entry is a gated pavilion that accesses the courtyard. The side-load garage allows room to turn the car around before exiting onto the busy street. Thanks to radiant slab on-grade construction, all rooms have easy access to outdoor patios, blurring the distinction between the inside and outside. The original house on the site was termite infested, which led to the request to avoid wood. The only wood in the house is cabinetry and door panels. The structure is steel studs with steel roof decking, and the door frames are steel.

- A** Side-load garage offers ease of egress onto busy street. Garage also includes a shop and access to the entry pavilion
- B** Entry pavilion gate resembles a door, with a doorbell and security camera to allow remote response when visitors arrive
- C** Entry courtyard includes saved blue spruce tree
- D** The home's actual front door is at the end of the courtyard
- E** Great room and its patio allow for easy indoor/outdoor access for year-round entertaining
- F** Secondary bedrooms have side-yard patios
- G** Master suite has a landscaped private patio. The bedroom's gun-slot window allows for eyes on the street and includes a headboard shelf

