

Victoria's Cottage from Southwest

A 16' x 28' Cottage with two lofts and a bedroom addition. Plans can be modified for simple or expanded layouts.

Here is a very livable small house. The main house section is 16' wide by 28' long with a 12' by 14' bedroom addition. The 16' wide section has high sidewalls and two study or sleeping lofts. There are porches front and back. Note the transom windows over doors and windows in the high ceiling areas. This house is filled with light.

Victoria's Cottage maximizes the living space in an easy to construct yet classically styled small house. The plans are designed to allow you to adjust the house to your budget, space needs, climate and specific site.

The Plans set for Victoria's cottage are printed on three large plan sheets 24 x 36. You are licensed to make additional copies of these plans as needed for your project. Plans include:

- Floor plans for the fully expanded cottage with porches, additions and extensions.
- Four elevations of the fully expanded cottage with details on siding, trim and framing
- · Loft plans and details for an exposed wood and plank upper floor
- Detailed cross sections through walls, floors, each foundation option, and roof
- Detailed cross section at window seat in bedroom
- Details for two different types of wood porches (notes for building side porches using this system)
- Typical cross section through the main section of the house

- Alternative cross section with a post and pier foundation and rafter and collar tie roof
- Framing and connection details on the above roof
- Foundation plans for a crawlspace and wood floor
- Foundation plans for slab w/ perimeter foundation
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- Foundation plans for concrete post and pier foundation and wood floor
- Floor plans for simple 16' x 28' expandable studio house with an alternative cross section. (This is not an additional full set of drawings but a simple construction system you will need to layout for your own needs.)
- Window, door, skylight and mechanical schedules with notes and specifications
- Structural specifications for concrete, steel, lumber, sheathing and nailing
- General notes on stairs, fire safety and instructions to the builder
- Plumbing and electrical notes for layout

Included is a 8 1/2 x 11 booklet including:

- Project Planner How to customize the plans to your site and budget
- How to Read Plans Structural notes, symbols and abbreviations.
- Taking your Plans to the Building Dept. How to file for a permit and work with a builder
- Foundations and Soil Types Includes additional information on building the post and pier foundation.
- How to save money by being an owner-builder-manager.

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Victoria's Cottage from Southeast

From this view you can see how the upper roof comes down over the eating nook and kitchen (the nook has been extended to the rear since this drawing was done). This allows a cathedral ceiling with large skylights in the roof of each room. There is a small 4' addition at the back side of the house for a utility area for a stacked washer and dryer. A 4' deep back porch gets your wood or other storage out of the weather.

Note the exposed beam and deck floor for the loft above. This uses inexpensive 2x6 tongue and groove decking that can be sanded and finished as the floor of the loft.



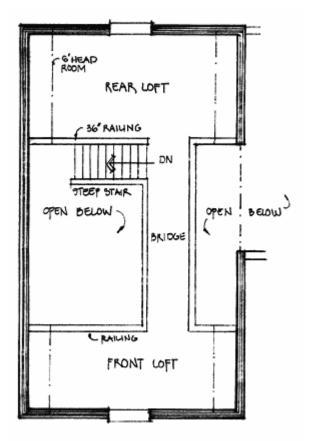


The kitchen has space for a full-height pantry next to the refrigerator. The private patio or garden area connects the bedroom and main house with an outdoor living room. In a cool climate this would ideally face south or west. In warmer climates it might better face east.

The house is designed with nine skylights in two different sizes. These can be reduced or eliminated for some climates but this opens the house up to light and connects it to the outdoors and the sky. Because of this openness, this house feels much larger than its 698sf of heated floor area (up to 1000sf counting lofts). The place has two or three sleeping areas and a separate study or home office. The low-ceiling sides of the lofts make excellent storage areas.

The bathroom has a tempered glass window that comes down close to the tub so you can slide the window open and soak while you look out at the view. Notice that the plumbing on the tub is easier to reach than most layouts.

Here is the Bridge loft option. The 16' x 28' main module has two lofts accessible by a short stair and connected by a sky bridge. In the main Living room below the ceiling is open up to the ridge.



- The rear loft is 7'- 6" deep, the front 5'- 6". Each is 15' wide with 11.5' above 6' headroom. •
- The total upper floor floor area over 6' is 189 sf. This allows the steep cottage stair to be used.

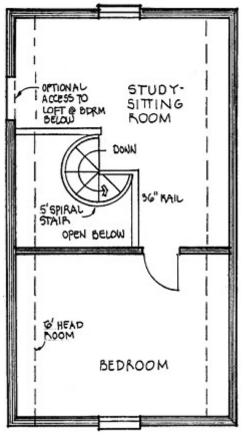




window looking out over the porch below.

Here is the upper floor bedroom with the arched This open room at the other end of the loft at the top of the stairs has a very inviting character.

Here is the **Full Bedroom Loft Plan.** This more complete loft has more usable floor space, as noted in the pictures on the previous page.

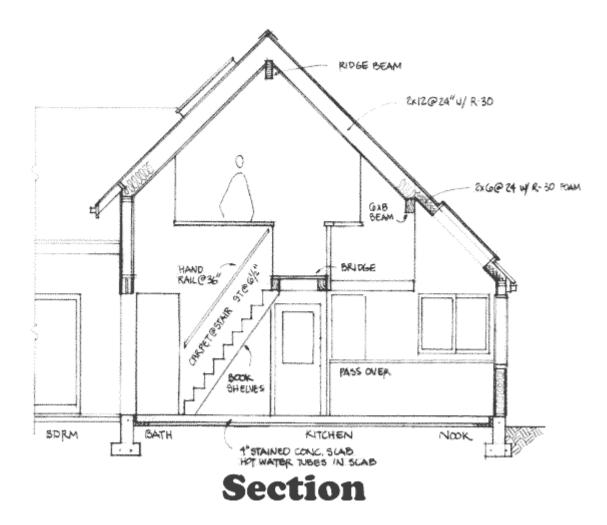


Full Bedroom Option

- The upper level bedroom is 11' x 11.5' or 133 sf. (above 6' headroom).
- The total upper floor floor area over 6' is 260 sf.

Stair Notes

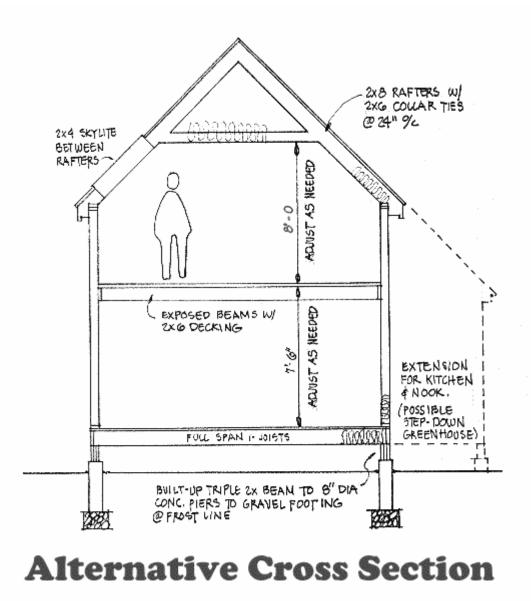
- Plans include information on three types of stairs. The steep cottage stair shown below (takes the least space), a 5' diameter spiral stair, and a full sized code stair that goes up to the loft and could also be used to go on down to a basement from a kitchen access door.
- You can adjust your plans to use any of these stair options.



Looking at a cross section through the 16' building you can see how the stair would feel. This is for the "bridge loft" option shown above. The stair is steeper than a standard stair but quite usable. A spiral stair can be substituted where the Full bedroom loft is used.

The main floor is shown with a heated concrete slab. The slab can be stained and sealed as a low-cost finished floor. It is heated by a high-efficiency hot water heater or tankless water heater in the Mechanical room. A small circulating pump sends the hot water to two separate heating zones, main and bedroom, depending on what the thermostat calls for. This floor also serves as a heat sink for solar inputs.

The house can also be built with a standard wood floor over a concrete crawlspace or an easy to build post and beam foundation (see below). The plans include a floor system using engineered lightweight I-joists for quick assembly and solid squeak-free floors. You can even add a topping slab to the wood floor if you want to keep the radiant floor heat. Most builders can use the crawlspace foundation plan and build a full basement foundation and daylight one end if you are on a sloping site.



Another modification that is included in the plans is a **simple rafter system with collar ties** that can be tilted up into place and attached to the wall plates with a sturdy metal framing anchor. Such a roof system would be cheaper and easier to build with a small crew.

The simple **pier foundation** shown above would be the most cost effective construction system — and the easiest for an owner builder to build.

The Victoria's Cottage plan set includes foundation plans for a slab on grade, concrete perimeter foundation and a post and pier foundation. You can choose whichever is most appropriate for your site. It comes with two different loft configurations each with an exposed beam and deck ceiling below.

The plans also include a very simple to build studio house version of the 16' wide cottage that can be built in any length - the plan shows it 28' long but it can be extended in 2' increments. You can lay out your own floor plan to the footprint you decide is best for your project.