

[HOUSE REVIEW]

THE COURTYARD HOUSE

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PLAN SIZE

Width: 124 feet
Depth: 124 feet
Living area: 4,500 sf



This custom home in a community where snowbirds flock to escape northern winters provides the artist-owner with a full-time house as well as a rental unit to take advantage of the seasonal rental market. The client wanted privacy, yet to be able to use the whole house when the rental unit wasn't occupied. A central courtyard separates the main house and rental unit, and the public rooms focus on the mountain views to the rear of the site.

- A** Three separate entry points maximize privacy: the family entry court, the rental entry court, and the formal entry, which opens into the main courtyard
- B** The formal entry leads to a protected courtyard with a fireplace. Verandas on two sides of the court offer covered access between house and rental unit
- C** The two-bedroom, two-bath rental unit has a kitchen, laundry, living area, and two courtyards. The living room court has a fireplace, and the court shared by the bedrooms has a hot tub
- D** The main house has access from the entry court directly into the gallery. The view at the north end of the gallery terminates at a courtyard fountain, while the view through the music room focuses on a distant landmark
- E** The great room features a beamed ceiling and French doors that open out to the east and a view of the mountains
- F** The music room bay window has a view of the mountains; a pocket door opens to the master court

