

What Makes a House a Home? Suggestions for topics

Feel free to suggest other ideas. If you love it and it relates to home, go for it!

Explain the Golden Ratio and tell us how it applies to architectural design.

Are you a thrifter or an outlet shopper? Tell us about some of your favorite home-oriented finds and sources.

Choose an interior design style and tell us about its history and development (Art Deco, Mid-Century Modern, Scandinavian, Farmhouse, Traditional, Industrial, Bungalow, Minimalist, Bohemian, Rustic, French Country....)

Are you a collector? How/why did you start collecting? How do you display your collection(s)?

Focus on a particular style of domestic architecture; describe its features and explain how it has evolved (Cape Cod, Colonial, Foursquare, Victorian, Bungalow, Georgian, Split Level, Triple Decker....)

Explain the process of fabric or wallpaper design, printing, and marketing.

Discuss the history of chair styles.

Take us on a tour of a famous home (Carl and Karin Larsson's home in Sweden; Orchard House in Concord, MA; The Gamble House in Pasadena; a Frank Lloyd Wright home; William Morris's Kelmscott Manor; Mies van der Rohe's Farnsworth House; Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant's Charleston Farmhouse in East Sussex....)

What is the one feature you cannot do without in a home? Explain.

How does your family history or ethnic group influence your home?

Have you ever designed and/or built a house? Were you pleased with the results? Tell us about the process and the pitfalls.

What is a "sustainable home"? Explain the concept and the materials used.

Present architect Sarah Susanka's Not-So-Big House concept.

Tell us about your favorite interior designer, author, or HGTV host.

