

PLAN OF THE WEEK

Three bedroom family home

Plan No. P-3-3-195
Many modern features are combined with three bedroom necessities to make this a modern stock plan with 1300 square feet of area.

The exterior shown, uses Tudor styling and leaded-glass windows. Remember to match leaded glass with Tudor or white stucco and plaster for the best overall effect on the exterior. Windows with wood lattice are best suited to homes with contemporary design.

The roof is shown finished in shingles, but use asphalt, shakes or tile depending on personal choice. Leave the carport as is, or close it in either at building time, or later on as the budget allows.

Up from the cathedral entry, with guest coat closet is the main living-dining-kitchen area. There's a wood-burning fireplace for cool evenings and the dining room is placed conveniently adjacent to the kitchen. It's U-shape, and extra counter space will make this food preparation area a delight to any homemaker. There's a door to the sundeck, from the nook, for a sunny morning breakfast, or for summer barbecues. Just steps from the kitchen, there's extra space, ideal for home canning or food storage.

The same cupboard space contains a broom closet area, which opens to the hallway. There's lots of storage here for brooms, mops and a vacuum cleaner. Just down the hall is the master bedroom with its own three-piece

ensuite, and a luxurious walk-in closet.

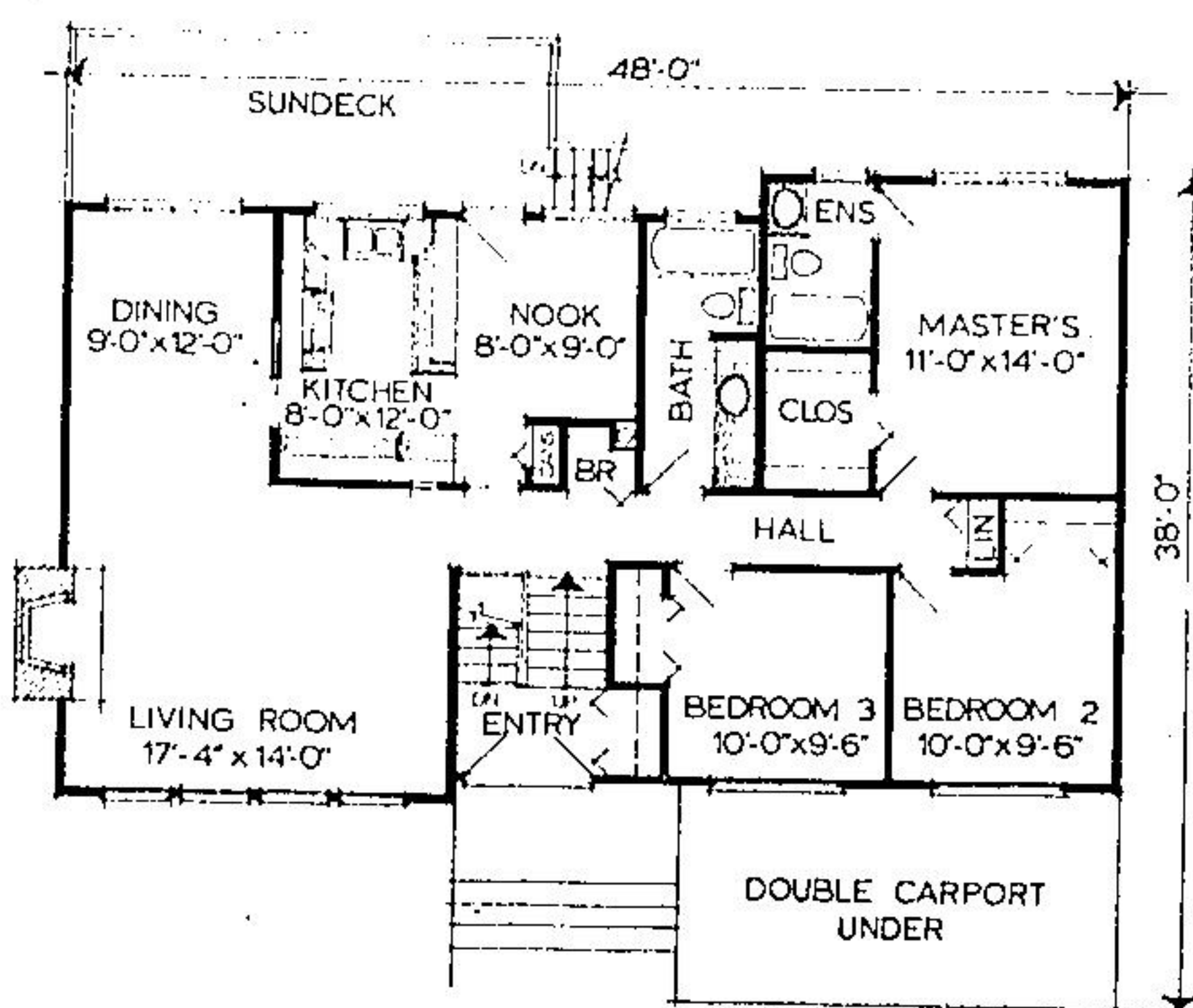
The other two bedrooms, each with adequate closet and windows share a three-piece bath.

Downstairs there's a large unfinished area. When this is shown on plans, you can either choose to have the area left for development later, or instruct your contractor to finish it all off.

If you're building yourself you might want to designate one of the basement rooms as an eventual workshop, and do all of the final finishing from this room. Or perhaps a sewing room, or den would be more to your family purposes. If you decide from the beginning it saves the inconvenience of changing things around later on. You can also have a better idea of where to put your electrical requirements.

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BUY FURNITURE TO FIT FAMILY NEEDS

You'll get more for your furniture dollar if you know "how to shop". Sensible shopping begins at home.

In buying furniture, your first consideration should be the needs of the people who will be living with it. When a piece of furniture does not suit your way of life, it's not a good buy at any price.

Once you have decided your room needs sprucing up, try to look objectively at the way you live. Decide what mood you want to create. This will help guide you in the selection of a furniture style that fits your family. Do you want the country/casual look, the stark contemporary look or the more formal traditional style?

Are muddy puppy paws and children's jelly sandwiches part of your home scene? Or are your children grown up and your life style more formal? How frequently do you entertain — and how many? All of these factors should be part of your furniture shopping consideration.

Once you have an idea of what kind of furniture you want, take a long look at where you're going to put it. It's a good idea to make a floor plan of your room. A copy of "The Practical Way to Plan Your Room" can be obtained from the Trillium Awards Centre, Box 85, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, Ontario, L4V 1E8.

Lack of measurements or inaccurate measurements lead to buying mistakes. When shopping take along your measuring tape and a list of minimum and maximum measurements for

each piece you're considering.

In furniture arrangement today the important considerations are comfort and convenience. There aren't any rigid rules to inhibit you. Just remember things like windows, heat ducts and radiators which set certain limitations. Direct sunlight can lead to color fading on upholstered furniture or bleaching and drying out of wooden furniture.

Just about any piece of furniture in any style you choose will be available in most price ranges. It's up to you to determine the price that's right for your budget. The next step is to compare the quality of the merchandise available at that price and select what offers the most in relation to your needs.

The Trillium Award is presented to Canadian furniture manufacturers for achievements in design, production and marketing.

The next step is to decide where to shop. Decide what kind of service you expect from the store you choose. Will you want help from a staff interior designer? Will you want the furniture delivered? Will you want to be assured that the store will stand behind what it sells? Make a check list of what you expect from the store where you do business and then begin reading the ads of all the stores in your area.

Shopping by advertising is a good beginning as you can get an idea of the store's prices compared to your budget. When a store whose reputation you know and respect has a sale, it generally means you will get better value.



Your lifestyle and the atmosphere you wish to create in your home are key considerations when deciding to buy furniture. If a piece of furniture does not suit your way of life, it's not a good buy at any price.

Energy saving tips for home

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There is a growing awareness that we should all conserve natural resources. Here are a few ways to reduce the amount of energy used in the home.

In the Kitchen

The kitchen is the room that uses the most electricity in the home.

Consider using the oven for whole meal cooking. Select foods that cook in the same time at the same temperature. Don't open the oven door to check on food—this causes a loss of 20 per cent of the heat. Preheating is often

unnecessary, especially for foods requiring more than one hour of cooking.

Get the "turn it off" habit when cooking. As soon as oven or surface elements are no longer needed, turn them off.

Cook vegetables in a minimum of water, about one-half cup, and only until tender-crisp. Using too much water uses excessive energy to bring to a boil.

Defrost the refrigerator before ice deposits reach one-quarter inch thickness. Ice acts as insulation which reduces the refrigerator's ability to cool.

Make sure the refrigerator door is airtight. Close the

door on a sheet of paper. If the paper is easy to pull out, replace the gasket.

Run a dishwasher only when there's a full load to be done. Let the dishes dry by turning off the dishwasher after the wash cycle is complete.

In the Laundry Room

A warm wash with a cold rinse will clean most laundry as effectively as a hot wash with a warm rinse. Save the hot wash for heavily soiled items and diapers.

Clean the lint filter in the clothes dryer after each load.

In the Bathroom

Use the shower instead of the tub. The average hot bath takes more hot water than the average shower.