



This rendering shows Harold Scott and Kathryn Goff's home-turned-duplex after the addition of a built-on-site Sidekick Home.

More Space, Less Footprint

Good To Know 



Small accessory homes make single-family living bigger.

BY ANY OTHER NAME: Depending where you live, people may refer to an extra little house as a *casita*, a *cabana*, a guesthouse or a granny flat. No matter their name, these accessory housing units can meet the needs of today's changing families. Whether it's lodging for a nanny, an office space, or a home for aging parents or young adults, adding a tiny dwelling to an existing property may make sense for your situation. Good news for you—new modular units are available to help make that choice a little greener.

PUZZLE ME THIS: With sections delivered on flatbed trucks and pieced together by crane and hand crews, a modular accessory home comes together on-site in a matter of hours, minimizing inconvenience to neighbors. Ground teams complete the project in days or weeks.

THE FINE PRINT: City ordinances for accessory dwellings often limit the number of bedrooms and occupants. Some sites require variances for things such as alley access, curb cuts and distance from property lines.

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Harold Scott and Kathryn Goff's accessory home turned their 941-square-foot Denver home into a duplex. The original house, built in 1921, sat on a large corner lot and housed their son's young family. Sidekick Homes (www.kephartliving.com), founded by Mike Kephart in 2007, built the addition in the Highlands neighborhood of northwest Denver. Sidekick Homes range in size from 360 square feet to 1,160 square feet and in price from \$75,000 to \$200,000 (not including land, foundation, utilities and additional site work).