In a garden, not every flower that catches your eye is necessarily the largest. And in homes, not everyone needs huge spaces to keep clean. Or stairs to climb.

Instead, you can relish a comfortable, single-level home, with an eye for detail.

With a breakfast nook surrounded by sunny bay windows. A kitchen with an island so well designed, it can even hold a tv to view from the family room. And a friendly porthole window at the entry, welcoming guests with both style and light.

The living room is like sculpture, shaped with rising ceilings, a media niche, and a romantic fireplace.

There's a master bath that feels like its own world, with its oval tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. There is a separate laundry room off the garage. Plus a front bedroom that is also ideal as a den or office.

Outside, the variations in its high-pitched roof give stature to this single-level home. With European Country accents adding to its distinctive exterior.

It's a lot of home to be enjoyed, from the first day you live here.
Wisteria
Plan Two. Four bedrooms, Two and a half baths, 1764 square feet.

It will intrigue you from the moment you step down into its living room, and gaze up at its soaring height. You sense light as if it were drifting through branches, streaming from tall banks of windows and on through a shuttered casing to the family room.

In the kitchen, more sunshine welcomes you through squares of windows tucked beneath cupboards. This is a home filled with sun. And dramatic design as well. Like the formal dining room, tucked into its own private alcove. And the accent shelves that welcome you near the wooden stair railing.

And upstairs, fresh thinking continues. With an open activity loft (a special option to be enjoyed by all members of the family.) Even the generous second bath has a design detail—a series of smart-looking window squares.

But chances are, you'll be partial to the master bath, with its corner of sunny windows above an inviting oval tub. Just off a master bedroom with even more light. Naturally.
If you decide to live in this home, you must become accustomed to the fact that your visitors may find themselves speechless upon walking into your living room. (In time, you'll learn to pause as they collect their thoughts.)

For that is the effect of this cathedral of light and space, where stacks of Palladian windows rise over twenty feet in the living room and dining room. And in the kitchen, another expanse of glass sweeps uninterrupted across countertops of tile, near a breakfast nook where sliding glass doors let in even more natural light.

Comforts abound, with a fireplace passing through from living room to family room, and a special niche for your television.

Potselves heighten the custom look of the stairway and the sunwashed master bedroom. And squares of glass accent the balcony.

Outside, details like the arches at the entry, repeated by glass, add to the richness of this home.

A home the likes of which you thought you'd own someday, if you struck gold.
There is much to be said for a single-level home that could stand so tall against its two-story neighbors. With all the charm of a French country farmhouse that's taken on some fresh ideas.

Inside, your eyes are drawn to the height of the ceilings. Then to shapes and curves—the stepped accent wall at the entryway, the graceful bowing of the living room archway, the media niche and fireplace in the family room.

Recessed lighting adds a custom feel to the kitchen. As does the natural light streaming through special window squares above hand-finished cabinetry. (A similar accent of open squares is repeated between the master bedroom and bath.)

Vaulted flat ceilings and tall windows heighten the elegance of the back half of the home. Especially in the master bedroom, where a beautiful curved window tops an eight-foot sliding glass door. And in the master bath, where you'll feel like you're bathing in a garden.

In all, it is a solid testament to the strength of a well-designed single-level home.
It's a home where art can be displayed on walls framed by soaring banks of windows. Where sculpture can find special recognition in a niche off the entryway. Where you can show off your collections in their best light. Natural light.

Windows rise and softly curve in the formal dining room. And light streams through a kitchen filled with cabinet space, near a sunny nook where a wealth of glass invites you to breakfast with nature.

The family room is well designed, with a fireplace at one end, and a built-in compartment for a stereo or tv at the other.

Upstairs, more sunlight shines through the master bedroom, with the entry to its bath specially angled to view the oval tub in a corner of windows washed with light.

And you can greet the morning from an optional deck off the master bedroom.

There is also the opportunity to create a retreat that could also serve as a nursery or office, framed by french doors.

A number of resourceful options. In an atmosphere where creativity can come to light.
The warmth of a winding staircase. The drama of the entrance. Luxurious appointments at every turn.
CYPRESS
Plan Three, Four bedrooms, Three baths, 2118 square feet.

You walk up to a palatial entry, with stately columns. You enter through rich, double front doors. You've come home to a place where tradition melds with the curves of an entryway and the half-spiral of a winding staircase.

Where overhead shelving can display antique collectibles. Where the formal dining room is lit by day with a grand bank of windows. And by night with a striking chandelier, suspended from its elegant flat ceiling.

And where the showcase kitchen welcomes casual entertaining.

Here, the master bedroom is given special prominence with distinctive framing at its entry. A fitting introduction for this private hideaway, with its own romantic fireplace and convenient media nook.

There is a generous second bath, with double basins. An ample linen closet. And a downstairs bedroom, with a walk-in closet and full bath, perfect for an older family member or live-in housekeeper.

Proof that substance and style can live together in perfect harmony.