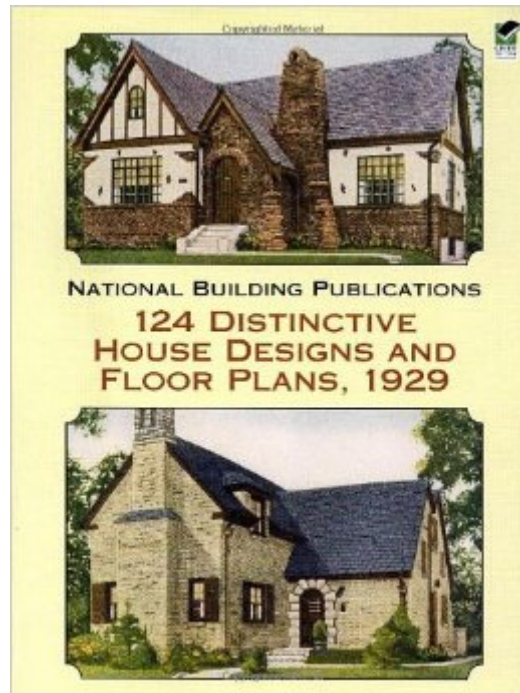


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# 124 Distinctive House Designs And Floor Plans, 1929 (Dover Architecture)



## Synopsis

An annual publication intended as a reference work for contractors, suppliers, architects, and homeowners, the 1929 Home Builders Catalog offered a beautifully illustrated look at a variety of homes. Painstakingly reproduced from a rare edition, this volume offers old-house restorers, preservationists, and lovers of 1920s architecture an authentic view of American homes of the era.

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Fine examples of a type of photorealistic drawing that you don't see anymore, which are reason enough to buy the book. The majority of homes are Tudor or Old English, like the ones on the cover, with just a few Colonials and Bungalows mixed in. The writing is quaint, with bedrooms called chambers, and mentions of breakfast nooks, servant's quarters, and telephone cabinets.

Originally published as The Fourth Edition of the 1929 Home Builder's Catalog, this 127-page reprint features 124 of the most popular housing styles of that era. Far and away, the predominant style featured is the Tudor Revival, but there are also Craftsman-style bungalows, modest cottages, Cape Cods, Colonial Revivals, Dutch Colonials and more. Some of these homes are quite grand, such as The Edgewater (p. 16), with more than 2,000 square feet of living area (not counting an optional sunporch). On page 6 is The Elyria, which is another reincarnation of The Sears Mitchell, with room dimensions altered by a few inches, to make it all legal. (So who copied from whom? Did

Sears steal the design from Homebuilders or did Homebuilders steal it from Sears, or did they both take it from Aladdin - who also had their own version of this house?) The descriptions that accompany each home are almost stark, given the traditional puffery and verbosity of that era's advertising styles. The Cullor, on page 42 is described as, "A story and a half home that has a lot of character and living comfort. Shingles, siding and brick combined harmoniously to create a very pleasing exterior." And that's all they have to say about that. Good book. Fun read. And the wee tiny print is legible. A good addition to your library on architectural history.

I am gathering ideas for creating a Tudor style home floorplan, and this book is full of Tudor Revivals (and some other styles too), so it was extremely helpful. I am a fan of the 1920's in general, so I found the entire book interesting to browse. I'm not sure that this book has a very broad appeal, but certainly worth looking at for someone interested in architectural history or Tudor homes.

I have enjoyed this book. It has pictures as well as floor plans, which is what I want in an architecture book. The price is right also. If you want an impressive looking book to sit on your coffee table, this isn't it, but if you want a book that is enjoyable to look through, this is a good buy.

We are beginning to build a retirement home and want to have the Tudor/French Country look. During our search, we have checked out multiple books from the library, reviewed books at box stores such as Barnes and Noble and small specialty book stores such as the National Building Museum. This is the best book that we have seen and it is a great price. There is a photo of the street view and floor plans for every house. Highly recommend this book if you are looking for details of distinctive homes from the 1920s.

A plethora of floor plans of the 1920s with illustrations of the exteriors. This is a book filled with interesting interior and exterior details of bygone days. For those whose hearts beat faster when they see a stately old home, this is a good buy.

I'm building up a nice little library of these books of old house plans. I'm finding that the quality varies greatly. So far, this one is my favorite. There is a great variety of styles from Tudor to Colonial to Spanish to bungalow. Most are modest sized, but there are a few larger plans. No mansions here, though. It's interesting to see how our needs and wants have changed since the 1920s. A lot

of these plans feature a special niche for your telephone, which would have been a status symbol back then. Kitchens often feature a built-in breakfast nook. Every house had a big dining room. Bedrooms were small, and the tiny closets would never do for us today. This book features a clear exterior picture for each house and easily read plans. The houses have a lot of charm. I found myself imagining living in many of these houses. There were at least a dozen that I could happily move into tomorrow. Highly recommend this to old house fans and fans of old house plan books.

Here again is another book about older house from the 20's. It is interesting to me that many people move into them before they begin to get their family started. They make wonderful little nests for that reason. They have a closeness built into them that keeps family member in touch much more than families of today. I love looking at the drawings and noticing that they have design styling from England, France, and Germany. How cool is that?

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