

Livability at a Glance™



How does the home Live?

Turning the dream of building a home into reality can be a daunting challenge, with thousands of decisions along the way. Choosing a plan can be the most intimidating because it's often difficult to visualize the finished home and how it will live. To make it easier, Design Basics has created a new way to present floor plans to help you narrow the search for a design that fits your personal lifestyle and needs.

Each floor plan is shown in a conventional layout and a color-coded version that highlights four different categories especially important to women: Entertaining (yellow), De-Stressing (blue), Storing (orange) and Flexible Living (green).



entertaining

Yellow areas encompass:

- formal rooms for entertaining
- informal, open living spaces
- outdoor “rooms”
- kitchens that encourage guests to gather around a snack bar
- rooms for media-related get-togethers (watching movies or sports events)
- areas ideal for groups playing cards or board games

de-stressing

If you're looking for ways to de-stress your life, you'll appreciate homes with a lot of blue spaces. Some blue areas offer relaxation, such as:

- personal getaways
 - a privately located master suite
 - a walk-in shower or whirlpool
 - a quiet porch or a craft area
- Others provide unusual organizational features such as:
- split vanities
 - mudrooms
 - drop zones that keep keys, brief-cases, umbrellas, cell phones and laptops in one convenient spot

storing

If you never have enough storage, you'll be drawn to homes with more orange areas, that highlight:

- extra storage capacity in the garage or laundry room
- rear foyer storage
- generous kitchen pantries and linen closets
- over-sized bedroom closets
- additional unfinished areas in the basement or on the upper level

flexible living

Green areas designate rooms that offer flexible living spaces that can adapt to unique situations:

- rooms that can be combined to create in-law-suites
- home offices (occasionally even his and her offices)
- bedroom/bath arrangements that work well for blended families
- music rooms
- homeschool rooms
- craft or gardening centers
- offices that can become dining rooms
- dens that become guest rooms



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