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More Not So Big Solutions For Your Home

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From the author of *The Not So Big House*



Synopsis

Readers simply cannot get enough of Sarah Susanka. Homeowners are certain to embrace this new collection of articles by the best-selling author and visionary residential architect who sparked a movement toward "better, not bigger" homes. Practical solutions abound in this creative reference — everything from how to use color and unify an interior with trim to finding space for an "away room" and designing a laundry room that works. Susanka poses and clearly answers such questions as "How much space do you really need?" and "Where does the garage belong?" Written in her engaging conversational style and illustrated with her own inviting sketches, *More Not So Big Solutions for Your Home* is a collection of attainable home improvements is a valuable addition to any smart and thoughtful homeowner's library.

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Customer Reviews

Susanka's masterful authority on efficient, smaller home design is in laser-beam precise alignment with the wants and needs of today's homebuyers and builders...If you like the idea of having a place for everything and everything in its place, grab a copy of *More Not So Big Solutions for Your Home* — you'll get a potent little toolkit for creating a home where you can live the way you want to live in every square inch." --Tara-Nicholle Nelson, *The Boston Globe*

Sarah Susanka is known far and wide as the leader of a movement that has redefined the American home. She has shared her insights in many best-selling books, including *The Not So Big House*, the revolutionary title that started it all. Susanka has been invited to share her insights on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Charlie Rose*, and *HGTV*; she is regularly profiled in leading shelter magazines and newspapers, including *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*.
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We are downsizing and I was concerned about how to make everything work in a (much) smaller space. Susanka's approach is inspiring and invigorating. Downsizing can and should mean an easier more comfortable lifestyle that is in keeping with environmental issues, too. Her designs are beautiful and sensible. I am so happy to be giving up my picture perfect livingroom that never got used - and to be replacing it with a combination living/dining space that is comfortable, flexible, smaller and easier to maintain - plus hooray for lower taxes on a smaller house! Susanka's books - and those of her colleagues - should be required reading for all builders, architects and home buyers who would otherwise be building 5000+ sq ft McMansions that reek of excess and conspicuous consumption.

I bought this book when my hubby and I decided that we would be staying in our townhome for a bit longer rather than moving into a larger place because the market is just so bad. We aren't really hurting for space, but who wouldn't want more room? FWIW, we have what at first glance appears to be a 2 bedroom townhome with a kitchen (no pantry), family room, small nook, laundry and 1.5 bathrooms. However, in that we manage to have a guest room, dressing room, home office with tons of books, dining area, pet area/room, craft/wrapping space, laundry room, a pantry, and we also added an outdoor dining area. Overall, there just wasn't anything in here that I hadn't seen already on a blog site or in a magazine. There was a ton of emphasis on remodeling and building, which just isn't practical for us, or I would imagine, many people in townhomes/condos/apartments and similarly small living situations. I also thought a lot of the designs were kind of bland or boring. All in all, this just wasn't what I was looking for, which were some new or modern ideas that were affordable and clever. Believe it or not, the most useful tools for me were *Better Homes & Gardens* magazine and the *Pottery Barn* catalog for inspiration.

When we added on the room for our new kitchen, we left a windowed space for a breakfast nook. I have never been able to find the exact information I needed to make it comfortable. It is the small

details like how much table overhang, how thick the cushions need to be, how much to slant the back that isn't too much, stuff like that. It is all here and a lot more. The section on the breakfast nook had measurements, and loads of other information about what would make it not just usable, but comfortable too. There is a lot more info here we will be using when we finish out our attic space. It has been the solution for us.

fabulous book to think about the space we live in and what we can do about maximizing its usefulness. Moving is not always the only answer. Thank you for including a specific chapter on what a real laundry room can be and why it is so important. If I had \$1 for every new home or townhouse we have toured that has the laundry jammed in the narrow dirty hallway coming in from the garage -- well you get my drift! I would be rich....

Very Good!

I really like Sarah's books. She gives creative & practical ideas for making a house fit the people who live in it & welcoming for visitors. In this book she asks questions for consideration before remodeling a home or before building one. This helps a person to better know how they use the home they have & what needs to be different when they add on or build.

My wife and I are in the beginning stages of planning for a new home - and only have some general ideas of what we are looking for. I found one of Sarah Susanka's books in a local bookstore and came to to purchase this one (and others). While there is much I can say about this (and her other books), all I can offer here is that this woman is absolutely AMAZING. Her insights, style, and experience are superior to any other book like this I have found on the market. We now have 6 of her books and I'm devouring every word. If you are building a house, you must buy THIS BOOK (her others are very good too).

Love these "Not So Big" books! Must-have for making the most of smaller spaces and making decisions about spending priorities in the house-under-2500-s.f.

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