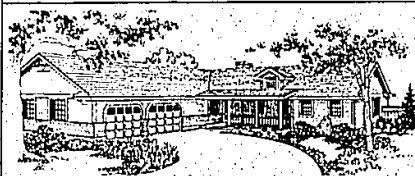


Reader dreams come true in 3 floor plans



Avalon appeals to 2 generations

Compact in size, economical to build and maintain, the Avalon (Plan 332-041) is designed to appeal to individuals at two widely varying stages in life.

First-time homebuyers, including singles, will appreciate the number of contemporary amenities we've been able to pack into such an affordable package. Older couples will enjoy living in a house so much easier to care for than the large house they needed when they were raising children.

But in no way is this like moving into a dinky apartment. The kitchen and utility room are both quite large for this size house. And there's plenty of space to accommodate the grandchildren when they come to visit. Kitchen features include an eating bar, lazy susan shelving and a built-in hutch with glass doors. Plants flourish on the hutch-top shelf, bathed in light that spills in through a high window.

The built-in cockpit faces into a wall that could be eliminated if a more open feel was desired. But changing that design feature would expose kitchen activities to the great room, which many cooks wish to avoid. And cupboards over the cockpit would be lost.

Windows span most of the back wall of the great room, filling the space with light. Sliding glass doors in the dining section provide access to a small deck that can also be reached through smaller glass doors in the master bedroom. A fireplace sets the tone for chilly winter nights.

The utility room is next to the bedrooms and garage, and only a few steps away from the kitchen. Amenities include a folding counter, storage cabinets, a deep sink and space for a freezer. If this home is built over a basement, the top of the stairs leads into this room. Linen storage is in the hallway, convenient to the bedrooms and bathroom.

Twin basins and a walk-in closet are the only luxuries in the modest master suite.



Regent sparkles with lots of light

The Regent (Plan 332-042) is a house where light abounds. Any room that isn't rich in window glass is brightened by a skylight.

The family living area received special attention from designers. In addition to skylights, sources of natural light here include a garden window, an octagonal eating bay, and sliding glass doors to the deck.

The front of the home is more formal, starting with the brick columns that flank the arched entrance. Inside, the dining room is on the left and the living room is on the right. Both have vaulted ceilings.

The master suite looks out onto the deck. Sliding glass doors could be installed here, instead of a window. In the skylit master bathroom, the bathroom and an oversized shower are enclosed. This provides added privacy, and prevents shower steam from fogging the mirror over the double vanity. A walk-in closet is also included.

Placement of the kitchen sink, at the end of a long work island, allows members of the cleaning crew to face into the family room, nook or look through the garden window with only a slight turn of the head. Cupboard doors on one side of the large walk-in pantry allow direct access from the cooking area. All or part of this island could be outfitted as an eating bar.

A generous utility room with skylight and window is housed in the wind with the bedrooms and the garage. Features include counters, linen closet, cabinets, deep sink and a coat closet that comes in handy for hanging the ironing. Stairs leading to the basement are also here.

Two more linen closets are tucked into alcoves in the bedroom hall. The main bathroom has a skylight and double basins.



Octagonal hub accents Ascot

Brick walls and half-timbering in the gables would be enough to establish the Ascot's Tudor styling. But massive medieval chimneys, ribbons of small-paned windows, and an oriel window at center on the second floor complete the image.

Once inside the Ascot (Plan 332-043), you're clearly in the '90s. A large kitchen packed with modern conveniences is at the heart of the Ascot. Features include double ovens, microwave, dishwasher, walk-in pantry, and an island with a cooktop and grill. Breakfast in the sunny octagonal nook starts your day on a cheerful note.

Formal dining takes place in the vaulted dining room. A second-floor balcony overlooks this space, and French doors open onto a dining deck.

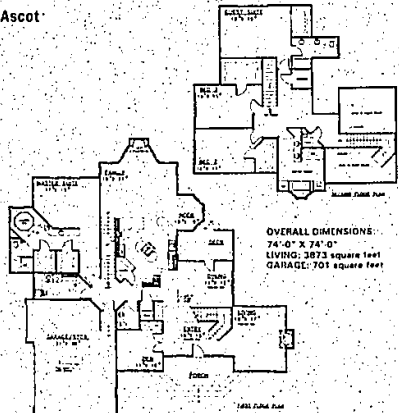
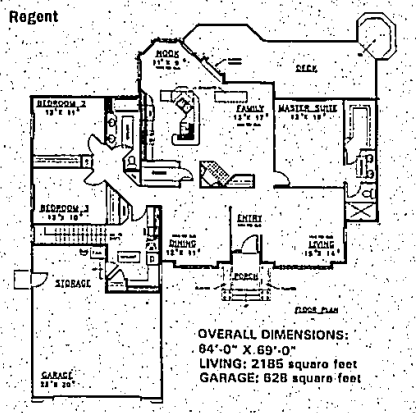
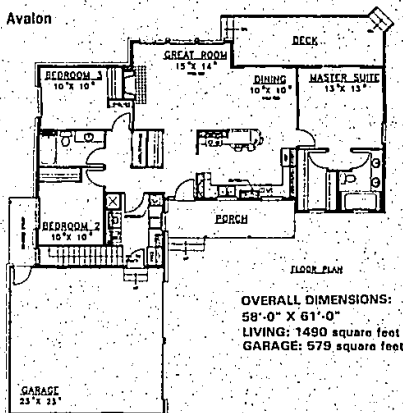
The lobby is also vaulted. Stairs lead to a second floor landing with a railed balcony facing the entrance. A small den or office is to the left, and a stately vaulted living room with fireplace is to the right.

Stairs in the lobby aren't the only access to the second floor. Another staircase is in the family room. Basement stairs are below, accessible from an octagonal hub, open to the kitchen, garage, utility room, powder room and master suite, all at the same time.

A garden spa is the most striking feature of master suite. Amenities include an enclosed toilet and oversized shower, his and hers walk-in closets, and twin basins in an extra-long vanity.

Storage space and three more bedrooms are upstairs. Each has a large walk-in closet. The back bedroom is intended for use as a guest suite, but could be a den or office. It is larger and has private bath with two basins.

Occupants of the other two bedrooms will have to share a bathroom. The tub is nestled into the nook created by the diamond-paned window in the oriel-style projection.



Avalon survey results

GENERAL INFORMATION				
Type of Home	0% One Story	0% Two Story	14% Split Level	86% Basement
Size of home	0% 1000 & less	100% 1001 to 1500	0% 1501 to 2000	0% 2001 to 2500
Budget for home (land excluded): \$83,000				
Lot location	29% Standard Lot	57% Acreage	14% Other	
Exterior style	29% Contemporary	57% Country	0% Spanish	14% Ranch
Exterior material	86% Brick	0% Stone	0% Wood	0% Stucco
Garage	Number of cars: 1.9	14% Shop	29% Storage	14% RV Parking
LIVING AREAS				
In addition to kitchen and living area I would like the following rooms in my home:	14% Formal Entry	29% Formal Dining	0% Reception	29% Family Room
Number of Bedrooms: 2.9	Number of Baths: 2	Other rooms: 29%		
KITCHEN FEATURES				
Style and Shape	86% Country	0% U-shaped	14% Walk-thru	0% Other
Amenities	43% Breakfast nook	21% Pantry	29% Eating Bar	29% Recycling Center
29% Appliance center	0% Freezer	0% Double Oven	0% Trash Compactor	0% Other
MASTER SUITE FEATURES				
57% Private bath with the following features:	29% Tub/Shower comb.	0% Bathub	43% Shower	43% Oversized Tub
14% Two wash basins	27% Skylight	14% Deck	14% Spa	0% Other
MAIN BATH FEATURES				
0% Bathub	0% Shower	0% Oversized Tub	0% Other	
0% Two wash basins	14% Skylight	0% Bidet	0% Other	
SPECIAL REQUESTS				
86% Fireplace	29% Woodstove	14% Spa	0% Indoor Swm Pool	
0% Computer Center	43% Deck/Patio	0% Alarm	43% Security System	
29% Vaulted Ceiling	43% Skylights	29% Other		
I would conserve energy by taking advantage of:	0% Minimized windows	29% Passive solar	14% Active solar	86% Extra insulation
DEMOGRAPHICS				
Number in Household: 3.1	Age: 39	Status: 71% Married		
Do you own a home?	71% Yes	29% Single		
Are you going to build a home?	43% Yes			

Regent survey results

GENERAL INFORMATION				
Type of Home	60% One Story	27% Two Story	11% Split Level	65% Basement
Size of home	0% 1000 & less	0% 1001 to 1500	38% 1501 to 2000	0% 2001 to 2500
Budget for home (land excluded): \$140,587				
Lot location	38% Standard Lot	44% Acreage	15% Other	
Exterior style	27% Contemporary	18% Country	4% Spanish	20% Ranch
Exterior material	89% Brick	33% Stone	16% Wood	2% Stucco
Garage	Number of cars: 2.3	33% Shop	76% Storage	15% RV Parking
LIVING AREAS				
In addition to kitchen and living area I would like the following rooms in my home:	73% Formal Entry	64% Formal Dining	13% Recreation	60% Family Room
4% Media Room	31% Exercise Room	33% Office	20% Den	
27% Guest Suite	42% Library	64% Utility	0% Nursery	
Number of Bedrooms: 2.0	Number of Baths: 2.5	Other rooms: 29%		
KITCHEN FEATURES				
Style and Shape	44% Country	29% U-shaped	11% Walk-thru	13% Other
Amenities	67% Breakfast nook	85% Pantry	35% Eating Bar	33% Recycling Center
33% Appliance center	38% Island	38% Double Oven	37% Trash Compactor	9% Other
58% Garden Window	27% Freezer	33% Grid		
MASTER SUITE FEATURES				
65% Private bath with the following features:	25% Adjacent to other bedrooms	36% Patio	29% Sitting room	
58% Tub/Shower comb.	29% Bathub	33% Oversized Tub		
62% Two wash basins	56% Skylight	15% Bidet	21% Spa	22% Other
MAIN BATH FEATURES				
78% Tub/Shower comb.	11% Bathub	11% Shower	7% Oversized Tub	
45% Two wash basins	30% Skylight	5% Bidet	11% Other	
SPECIAL REQUESTS				
82% Fireplace	11% Woodstove	20% Spa	2% Indoor Swm Pool	
24% Computer Center	27% Deck/Patio	27% Alarm	56% Security System	
51% Vaulted Ceiling	55% Skylights	23% Other		
I would conserve energy by taking advantage of:	20% Minimized windows	33% Passive solar	20% Active solar	91% Extra insulation
DEMOGRAPHICS				
Number in Household: 2.5	Age: 45.3	Status: 82% Married		
Do you own a home?	91% Yes	7% Single		
Are you going to build a home?	49% Yes	4% Divorced		
		4% Widowed		

Ascot survey results

GENERAL INFORMATION				
Type of Home	16% One Story	62% Two Story	22% Split Level	70% Basement
Size of home	0% 1000 & less	0% 1001 to 1500	0% 1501 to 2000	0% 2001 to 2500
Budget for home (land excluded): \$258,051				
Lot location	16% Standard Lot	70% Acreage	14% Other	
Exterior style	19% Contemporary	22% Country	3% Spanish	5% Ranch
Exterior material	24% English Tudor	55% Colonial	11% Victorian	11% Other
Garage	Number of cars: 3.1	32% Shop	65% Storage	8% RV Parking
LIVING AREAS				
In addition to kitchen and living area I would like the following rooms in my home:	84% Formal Entry	84% Formal Dining	38% Recreation	78% Family Room
84% Media Room	30% Exercise Room	40% Office	44% Den	
57% Guest Suite	57% Library	73% Utility	8% Nursery	
Number of Bedrooms: 4	Number of Baths: 3.3	Other rooms: 32%		
KITCHEN FEATURES				
Style and Shape	46% Country	22% U-shaped	16% Walk-thru	14% Other
Amenities	81% Breakfast nook	100% Pantry	43% Eating Bar	46% Recycling Center
51% Appliance center	65% Island	60% Double Oven	46% Trash Compactor	19% Other
46% Garden Window	51% Freezer	41% Grid		
MASTER SUITE FEATURES				
88% Private bath with the following features:	24% Adjacent to other bedrooms	30% Patio	35% Sitting room	
54% Tub/Shower comb.	100% Bathub	81% Shower	46% Oversized Tub	
19% Two wash basins	57% Skylight	35% Bidet	46% Spa	24% Other
MAIN BATH FEATURES				
68% Bathub	14% Bathub	27% Shower	72% Oversized Tub	
70% Two wash basins	38% Skylight	5% Bidet	9% Other	
SPECIAL REQUESTS				
95% Fireplace	8% Woodstove	35% Spa	19% Indoor Swm Pool	
43% Computer Center	32% Deck/Patio	32% Alarm	78% Security System	
51% Vaulted Ceiling	37% Skylights	22% Other		
I would conserve energy by taking advantage of:	5% Minimized windows	43% Passive solar	24% Active solar	92% Extra insulation
DEMOGRAPHICS				
Number in Household: 3.5	Age: 42	Status: 84% Married		
Do you own a home?	89% Yes	8% Single		
Are you going to build a home?	49% Yes	1% Widowed		