

COURTYARD HOMES

at prospect new town



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The courtyard as a design pattern is driven by climate and a celebration of nature. It extends the living environment from inside to outside, making small homes live larger. Courtyards also serve as private oases that shelter from road noise, wind, and the distractions of street life.

Barrett Studio architects has designed four distinct courtyard homes in Prospect New Town, a vibrant and eclectic mixed-use community in northern Colorado. The courtyard as a common design solution results from the homes' location, a relatively urban environment.

While the homes' public faces enjoy deep front porches, engaging neighbors and community activity, the courtyards allow for a cloistered realm inviting private relaxation. Generous walls of folding doors open to the yards, which are consciously oriented to capture the sun. Soaring windows fronting them frame contemplative views of a microcosmic slice of nature - an opportunity not often afforded in homes embedded in urban density.

Each homeowner enjoys their courtyard differently - a veggie garden, sunbathing, outdoor dining, meditation. Ultimately, this is the courtyard at its best: extending not only the living environment, but also our lifestyles.





The interiors of this courtyard home focus on natural light in unexpected places and flexible living to maximize a small footprint.



Here, two attached homes wrap private courtyards, creating intimate outdoor rooms. These “rooms” are themselves a part of the home’s design, with measured deck, seating, hardscape, landscape, and water elements - patterns reminiscent of traditional Japanese garden homes.





This interior courtyard is almost fully embraced by the home and detached garage/studio, with building mass, roof lines, and roof pitches carefully planned to invite the sun in, but keep the wind out.





A very public front-of-house is contrasted by the walled courtyard with custom gate at the sideyard. The kitchen, living, and dining spill out to this space without any concern for security.

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