



DESIGN BRIEF

Kevin Wong and his wife Arlene purchased a 150 year old home in an established neighborhood of Dallas Texas. The house is approximately 2000 square feet on two storeys and sits on a pleasant walking street of historic houses. The exterior of the house is in excellent shape and, although not historically significant, is consistent with the architecture of its time. The interior was extensively updated in the 1970's and has no historic detailing remaining. The finishes are also very worn. The Wongs, and their two daughters aged 12 and 14, want to keep the exterior as it is but would like the interior to be an open, modern living space. However, Arlene would also like to maintain some kind of separation between the kitchen and the main living areas. Kevin would like a family study on the main floor for a computer and the family's collection of antique children's books. To maintain the integrity of the exterior it is important to the Wongs that none of the window locations or sizes be changed. However, they would consider replacing the windows at the rear of the house with doors as part of a second stage redevelopment of their walled back garden.

This is the Project Documentation Package for Part One of this week's *Design Project*. The goal of the *Design Project* exercises is to learn about the design process for making an existing home more Simple, Light, and Open. Review the Design Brief in this documentation package to understand what the client needs and wants for their home. Use the existing floor plan to analyze how Simple, Light and Open the home is in terms of these needs. For background information on what to look for, review the Simple Light Open description on the website.

Draw overtop of the plan as you analyze the house and then write down your observations about the design and your recommendations for change. When you are ready, watch John Brown complete the first part of the Design Project and compare your results. To discuss the exercise further with John, and other participants, add your comments to the blog. In the next segment we will be applying these recommendations to create a concept design.

RESIDENTIAL PROFILE - WONG RESIDENCE

1. Describe your goals for your house

To respect the exterior of this house while updating the original to suit a modern life.

2. Describe Each Member of Your Household

Age	Gender	Interests	Daily Commute Time	Travel Mode (walk, train, car)
36	M	Book collecting	10	Car
34	F	Cooking, Gardening	N/A	
14	F	Dance	5	Walk
12	F	Riding	5	Walk

3. Describe any changes to the composition of your household that you anticipate over the next five years:

None

4. List three words that best describe the way you currently live:

Busy, Busy, Busy

5. List three words that best describe the way you would like to live:

Somewhat less busy

6. Do you rent or own your house?

Rent

Own

7. How long do you plan to live in your current house?

Less than 3 years

More than 3 years

8. How much of your household budget would you like to devote to your house?

Less

About the same as I do now

Much more

1. Describe your current neighborhood:

City:

Dallas

State/Province:

Texas

2. Why did you select this location:

Beautiful street close to our daughter's school

3. Describe your current home:

Size: 2000

Year Built: 1850

Type: Single Family Detached

(single family detached, townhouse/rowhouse, low-rise condo, high-rise condo, other)

4. Why did you select this home?

Location, Size, Garden

5. What do you like most about it?

Garden, Size of main floor, historic exterior

6. What do you like least about it?

Bad interior

7. Rank the following uses in order of importance from 1 - 8 (1 being most important):

2 Living

4 Dining

3 Study / Office

1 Kitchen

6 Bedrooms

7 Bathrooms

5 Outdoor Living

8 Craft/ Hobby