



DESIGN BRIEF

The project is the redesign of a 750 square foot studio apartment in Boston Massachusetts. The unit is located in a 10 storey post war building in a neighborhood adjacent to downtown. The client, Lucinda Hahn, is a young single professional. She wants to completely gut the interior and create an open studio atmosphere. She does not want to have a separate bedroom. She would like a slightly bigger bathroom, lots of closets, and a study area for working at home.

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 - HAHN RESIDENCE

1. Describe your goals for your house

A cool small place to live.

2. Describe Each Member of Your Household

Age	Gender	Interests	Daily Commute Time	Travel Mode (walk, train, car)
33	F	everything	10	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:

Free, Happy, Light

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

Freer, Happier, Lighter

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:

Boston

State/Province:

Massachusetts

2. Why did you select this location:

Close to work

3. Describe your current home:

Size: 750

Year Built: 1995

Type: high rise condo

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

4. Why did you select this home?

Size, Price, Ability to renovate

5. What do you like most about it?

Location

6. What do you like least about it?

Everything else until it is renovated

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

1 Living

5 Dining

4 Study / Office

2 Kitchen

7 Bedrooms

3 Bathrooms

6 Outdoor Living

8 Craft / Hobby

I need an office space and lots of closets, I don't need a separate bedroom.