



DESIGN BRIEF

John Wu and Belinda Cars are a retired couple in their early sixties. They purchased this 1800 square foot bungalow in an established neighborhood of Berkeley California ten years ago as a retirement property. They like the size and its great location. They have maintained the house as a rental property over the years and, having now sold their large suburban family home, are ready to completely update the property.

The home was built in 1954 and has three bedrooms, 1 bathroom and a 2 car detached garage. John and Belinda want to preserve two of the bedrooms and use the third as a study for John's part time consulting practice. They would like an ensuite bathroom in addition to the existing full bath. Both John and Belinda like to cook and garden. They are looking for a simple open living space that opens out to a backyard living space.

To learn more about the clients, review their Residential Profile and Slow Home Test Results.

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.