



DESIGN BRIEF

The client, Gus Mendoza, wants to redevelop the 1480 sq. ft. of unfinished industrial space that he owns into 'for sale' residential apartments. The space is located on the second floor of a turn of the century brick building near downtown Baltimore Maryland. The ceiling heights are 12' high and the windows are almost floor to ceiling. The space can be subdivided, as you think best, into either 1, 2, or 3 units. He is interested in both the layout of the unit(s) as well as your rationale for the number, size and type of units you are proposing.

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.