



DESIGN BRIEF

Felix Sands is a single father in his mid 40's. His daughter, Faith, is 12 and lives with him 4 days of the week. After the death of his father, Felix's mother came to live with him as well. Felix purchased this 1950 square foot 1960's bungalow in an established neighborhood of Los Angeles with the intention of remodeling to better suit his family situation. He would like his mother to have a bedroom and en-suite bathroom, ideally located away from the other two bedrooms. He would also like an open plan living space that includes a study space for the family computer and his collection of books. The house is 1950 square feet and has parking for 3 cars in the front yard. Felix would like to reduce this to two spaces in order to define the front entry a little bit more.

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 - SANDS RESIDENCE

1. Describe your goals for your house

To create a nice family home for my daughters, mother, and I.

2. Describe Each Member of Your Household

Age	Gender	Interests	Daily Commute Time	Travel Mode (walk, train, car)
42	M	Golf, Books	10 min	Car
65	F	Gardening	N/A	
12	F	Singing	10 min	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:

Cramped, Crowded, No Privacy

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

Peaceful, Open, Easy

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:

Los Angeles

State/Province:

California

2. Why did you select this location:

Close to work and my daughter's school

3. Describe your current home:

Size: 1950

Year Built: 1962

Type: Bungalow

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

4. Why did you select this home?

Size and it needed repair

5. What do you like most about it?

Location, "L" shaped plan

6. What do you like least about it?

Interiors, front yards, parking

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

3 Living

6 Dining

5 Study / Office

7 Kitchen

1 Bedrooms

2 Bathrooms

4 Outdoor Living

8 Craft/ Hobby