

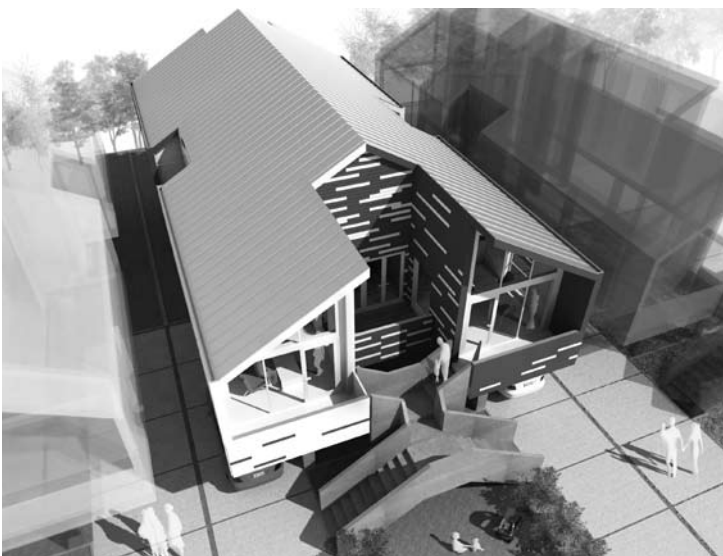
Hot Links

Lower 9th Ward, New Orleans

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Hot Links offers many different options for smart living. Through the inherent flexibility of its organisation, this house can accommodate many arrangements – single family, multiple family, renter, tenant and live/work arrangements.



Two shotgun houses are linked together and able to open, close or share the space between. In this way, much larger open spaces are created for private bedrooms or public living spaces. The flexible boundary between the residences can be soft and adapt to the changing needs of a family throughout the years. The array of 45 different plan options gives families the freedom to adapt their house size to their economic situation at little cost. If an owner desires a single-family house, they can choose from three-, four-, five- or six-bedroom designs. If even more space is required, opening up the attic and using it as loft space is also an option. If an owner's family requires less space, they can split the residence into a duplex, granny-unit or a live-work unit to enable the development of a small business. Owners are able to re-create and customise their living situations as needed. The economic benefits of a flexible structure also translate into the ecological benefits of a re-usable or re-purposed structure.



2 x 2



Studio x 3L



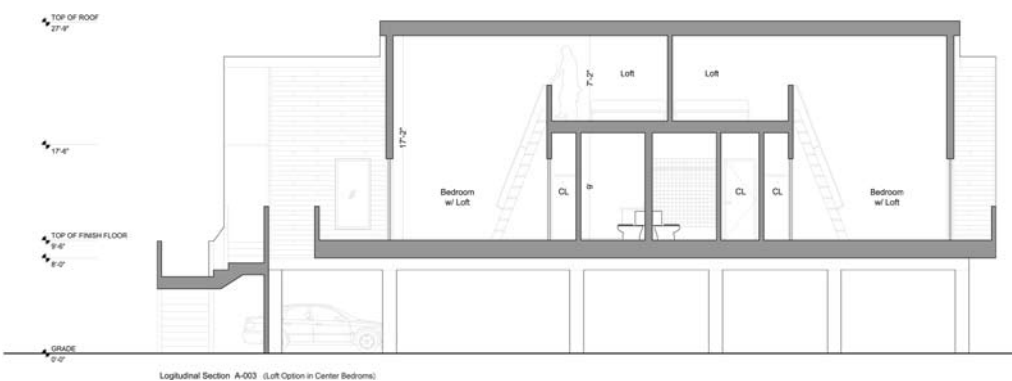
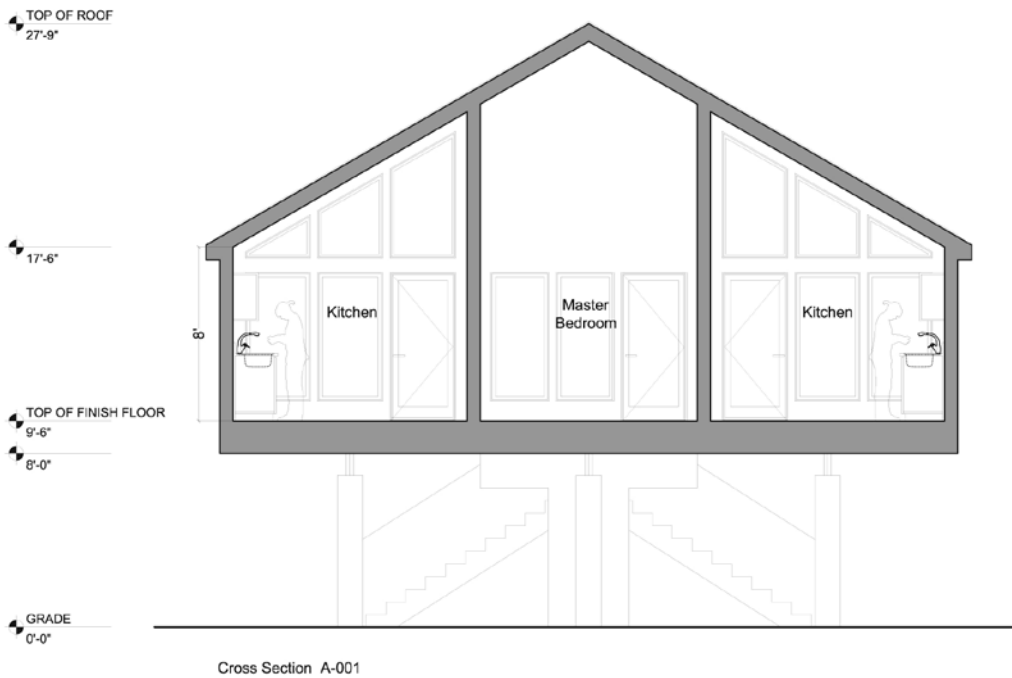
1 x 2L



2L x Cafe



4L



The façade of the building has also been developed following a strategy of flexibility. It can absorb different colours, sizes and quantities of cladding, depending on the availability of materials or economic conditions at a given time. Weaving different colors into one façade and taking advantage of this adaptability creates a new identity and residential fabric.

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Make It Right Foundation

The Make It Right Foundation is committed to building 150 energy-efficient, solar-powered, storm-resistant homes in New Orleans Lower 9th Ward, a neighbourhood wiped out by Hurricane Katrina and the breach of the Industrial Canal levee. The Foundation began in December 2007 as a collaboration between actor Brad Pitt, Graft Architects, Cherokee Gives Back and William McDonough + Partners. Today 32 families are either living in a Make It Right home or have one under construction. Another 50 Lower 9th Ward families are in the process of becoming Make It Right homeowners.

For more information: www.makeitrightnola.org