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SYMBOLS LEGEND

- SECTION MARKER (8 / A8.8)
- ELEVATION MARKER (4 / A8.8)
- INTERIOR ELEVATION (1 / 3 A8.8 / 2)
- DETAIL CALLOUT (1 / A8.8)
- COMPASS (TRUE N)
- DATUM MARKER
- WINDOW CALLOUT (1)
- DOOR CALLOUT (A)
- FIXTURE CALLOUT (X-00)
- FINISH CALLOUT (F-00)
- CONTOURS (2')
- REVISION NUMBER (8)
- CENTER LINE
- BATH LIGHT & FAN
- SOIL
- CONCRETE
- BRICK
- INSULATION (ANY)
- RIGID INSULATION
- BATT INSULATION
- WALL OUTLET
- SPECIAL-USE OUTLET (REF)
- 220V OUTLET
- ELECTRICAL SWITCH
- 3-WAY SWITCH
- LIGHT/FAN SWITCH (FAN)
- CEILING LIGHT
- RECESSED LIGHT
- WALL-HUNG LIGHT
- CEILING FAN
- SMOKE DETECTOR (SD)

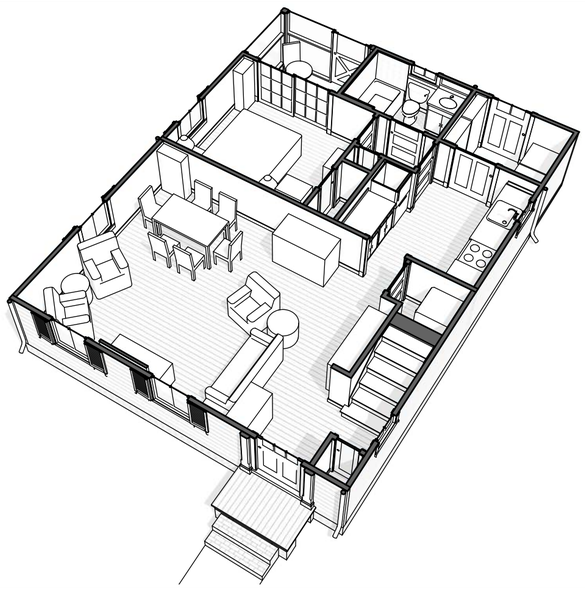
ABBREVIATIONS

#	POUNDS OR NUMBER	M	METERS
~	APPROXIMATELY	MAX	MAXIMUM
[ ]	METRIC UNITS (MM, U.O.N.)	MIN	MINIMUM
AC	AIR CONDITIONING	MM	MILLIMETERS
A.F.F.	ABOVE FINISH FLOOR	(N)	NEW
B.O.	BOTTOM OF	NTS	NOT TO SCALE
B/T	BETWEEN	O.C.	ON CENTER
BD	BOARD	OSB	ORIENTED STRAND BD
BM	BEAM	PERF	PERFORATED
CLG	CEILING	PT	PRESSURE-TREATED
CMU	CONC MASONRY UNIT	QTY	QUANTITY
C.O.	CASED OPENING	R	RADIUS OR RISER
CONC	CONCRETE	RCP	CEILING PLAN
CONT	CONTINUOUS	REF	REFRIGERATOR
D	DRYER	REQ'D	REQUIRED
DEMO	DEMOLISH	RM	ROOM
DH	DOUBLE HUNG	SD	SMOKE DETECTOR
DIA	DIAMETER	SF	SQUARE FEET
DIM	DIMENSION	SIM.	SIMILAR
DM	DIMMER	SPEC	SPECIFICATION
DN	DOWN	SYM	SYMMETRICAL
DW	DISHWASHER	T.O.	TOP OF
(E)	EXISTING	T&G	TONGUE & GROOVE
EL	ELEVATION	TYP	TYPICAL
ELEC	ELECTRICAL	U.O.N.	UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
EQ	EQUAL	W	WASHER OR WATT
EXT	EXTERIOR	W/	WITH
FIN	FINISH	W/D	WASHER & DRYER
FT	FEET	W/O	WITHOUT
GALV	GALVANIZED	WC	WATER CLOSET
GFCI	CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER	WD	WOOD
GYP	GYPSUM	WH	WATER HEATER
IN	INCH(ES)	WP	WATERPROOF
INT	INTERIOR	XPS	EXTRUDED POLY
KG	KILOGRAMS		

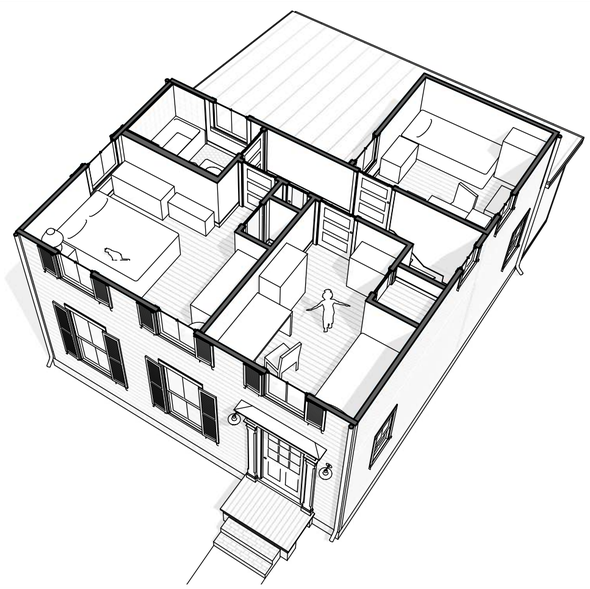
PERSPECTIVE



1ST FLOOR



2ND FLOOR



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These technical plans also include 3D views and explanatory footnotes that help you understand the design's underlying ideas and intentions.

ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT

Today, starter homes are almost extinct. Most new houses are oversized and shortsighted–made for banks, not people. But we can avoid extreme debt by building homes that can grow.

Based on iconic house designs from the 1800s, this Starter Farmhouse is simple, economical, and versatile. It can grow beautifully with time.

Old houses did this well. They're still enduringly functional and desirable. Traditional homes can adapt to changing needs (better than the fragile fashions of modernity). To make a better future, we must build upon the successes of the past.

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LOCATION
54321 EXAMPLE AVENUE
KNOWHERE, MD 12345

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
ADU OR SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE

PROJECT NUMBER
APN 0000-0000-000-000

FLOOR AREA
1ST FLOOR: CORE: 384 SQUARE FEET
"ADDITION" (REAR): 331 SQUARE FEET
TOTAL FLOOR 1 AREA: **715 SQUARE FEET**
2ND FLOOR: CORE: 346 SQUARE FEET
"ADDITION" (REAR): 100 SQUARE FEET
TOTAL FLOOR 2 AREA: **446 SQUARE FEET**

TOTAL FLOOR AREA: 1,161 SQUARE FEET

CONSTRUCTION TYPE
TYPE V - WOOD FRAME CONSTRUCTION

PARCEL SIZE
[RECOMMENDED: AT LEAST 40 FEET BY 60 FEET]

APPLICABLE CODES
2022 EXAMPLE STATE BUILDING CODE

PROJECT HISTORY & CREDITS

2023-01-04
1 STARTER FARMHOUSE SCHEMATIC DESIGNS
PRESENT DIGITAL MODELS TESTING THE FIRST FOUR VARIATIONS.

2023-11-01
2 MARILYN: 1ST DRAFT OF PLAN DRAWINGS
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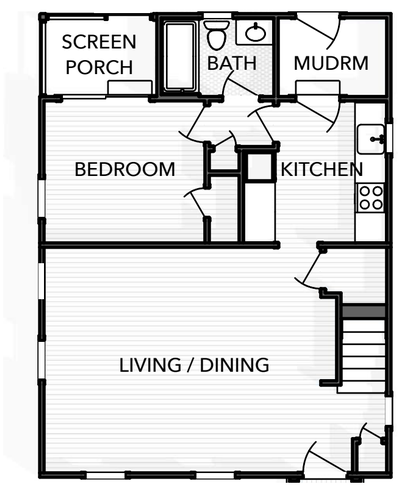
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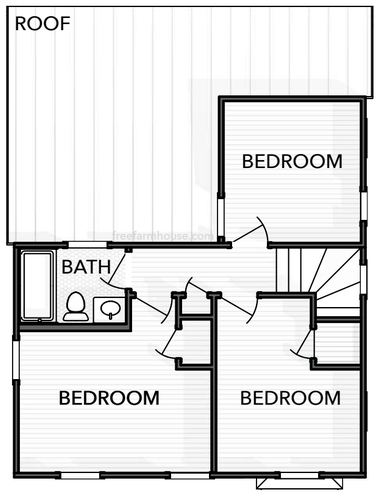
PRESENTATION PLANS



MARILYN



1ST FLOOR



2ND FLOOR

CONTACT INFORMATION

OWNER
NAME
PHONE NUMBER — STREET ADDRESS
EMAIL ADDRESS — CITY / STATE / ZIP
NOTES

ARCHITECT (OR DESIGNER OF RECORD)
CONTACT PERSON — COMPANY NAME
PHONE NUMBER — STREET ADDRESS
EMAIL ADDRESS — CITY / STATE / ZIP
NOTES

GENERAL CONTRACTOR
CONTACT PERSON — COMPANY NAME
PHONE NUMBER — STREET ADDRESS
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NOTES

SURVEYOR
CONTACT PERSON — COMPANY NAME
PHONE NUMBER — STREET ADDRESS
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NOTES

PLUMBING
CONTACT PERSON — COMPANY NAME
PHONE NUMBER — STREET ADDRESS
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NOTES

MECHANICAL (AND/OR ELECTRICAL)
CONTACT PERSON — COMPANY NAME
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STRUCTURAL
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1F – DIMENSIONS ARE TAKEN FROM FACE OF FRAMING LUMBER, FACE OF CONCRETE/ MASONRY, CENTER/FACE OF COLUMN, AND CENTERLINE OF FIXTURE, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

1G – ALL DIMENSIONS NOTED "VERIFY IN FIELD" (V.I.F.) SHALL BE MEASURED BY THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION. REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES TO THE OWNER OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE.

1H – ALL NOTES AND DETAILS ARE TYPICAL. SIMILAR NOTES, DETAILS, AND DIMENSIONS APPLY IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS.

1I – IN THE CASE OF DISCREPANCIES WITHIN DESCRIPTIONS OF SIMILAR ITEMS, PRECEDENCE SHALL BE GIVEN TO NOTES AND DRAWINGS OF GREATER DETAIL.

1J – INSTALL FIXTURES, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURERS' SPECIFICATIONS. SHOULD THOSE SPECS CONFLICT WITH THE DRAWINGS, OR VIOLATE LOCAL REGULATIONS, IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE OWNER OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE.

1K – VERIFY CLEARANCES FOR FIXTURES, VENTS, CHASES, ETC. BEFORE ORDERING OR INSTALLING RELATED WORK ITEMS.

1L – COORDINATE ALL WORK WITH EXISTING CONDITIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: IRRIGATION PIPES, ELECTRICAL CONDUITS, WATER LINES, GAS LINES, AND DRAINAGE LINES.

1M – IT IS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS TO ILLUSTRATE THE BUILDING CODE. BUILDERS: READ IT, FOLLOW IT.

2 (SITE / FOUNDATION)

2A – ANY SURVEY MARKERS WITHIN THE AREA OF CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE PRESERVED OR RESET BY A REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER OR LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR.

2B – GRADING AND SITEWORK SHALL BE MINIMAL IN ALL AREAS NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE NEW CONSTRUCTION. FOLLOW BEST PRACTICES AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE.

2C – FINISH GRADE SHALL SLOPE DOWN FROM HOUSE, AT A HEIGHT OF 6 INCHES OVER A 10 FOOT DISTANCE.

2D – BEFORE GRADING OPERATIONS, A TEMPORARY PROTECTION FENCE SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED AROUND ANY TREE WITHIN 30 FEET OF THE FOUNDATION. SILT FENCES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED DOWNSLOPE OF ANY AREA WHERE THE SOIL IS DISTURBED.

2E – DEPICTED FOUNDATION IS BASED ON FICTIONAL CONDITIONS. CONDUCT A SOIL TEST AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING FOR A SITE-SPECIFIC FOUNDATION. (AND THEN YOU CAN DELETE THIS NOTE)

2F – FOOTINGS SHALL EXTEND BELOW THE LOCAL FROST LINE.

2G – PERFORATED DRAINAGE PIPES SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN A GRAVEL PERIMETER AROUND THE FOUNDATION; AND MULTIPLE DRAINAGE OUTLETS LEAD DOWNSLOPE AWAY FROM THE BUILDING.

2H – ALL WOOD WITHIN 8 INCHES OF THE GROUND SHALL BE PRESSURE TREATED OR COMPRISE A SUITABLY ROT RESISTANT MATERIAL. METAL CONNECTIONS WHICH TOUCH THIS WOOD SHOULD BE GALVANIZED OR STAINLESS STEEL.

3 (CONSTRUCTION)

3A – ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE TRUE, PLUMB, LEVEL, SQUARE, AND IN PROPER ALIGNMENT.

3B –THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT AND COMPLETE FULL-SIZE SET OF DRAWINGS ON THE JOB SITE DURING ALL PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION. ALL SUBCONTRACTORS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A SET OF DRAWINGS.

3C – THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL DIMENSIONS AND SITE CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS INSPECT THE PREMISES AND TAKE NOTE OF EXISTING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING PRICES. NO CLAIM SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR PROBLEMS WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY A THOROUGH EXAMINATION.

3A – PROVIDE TEMPORARY SUPPORT AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION-RELATED ACTIVITIES.

3D – THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULARLY REMOVING THE FREEFARMHOUSE.COM WASTE MATERIALS OF ALL SUBCONTRACTORS, AND MAINTAIN STRICT CONTROL OVER JOB CLEANING TO PREVENT DUST AND RUBBISH FROM INTERFERING WITH OPERATIONS.

3E – CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NOISE SHALL BE MINIMIZED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASES BY MUFFLING AND SHIELDING IMPACT TOOLS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

3F – IF THE WORK OF ANY CONTRACTOR SIGNIFICANTLY DEVIATES FROM THE CONTRACT DRAWINGS WITHOUT THEM FIRST GETTING PERMISSION FROM THE APPROPRIATE PERSON, THAT CONTRACTOR MAY BE REQUIRED TO FIX THEIR WORK AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.

4 (UTILITIES)

4A – ANY ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND/OR HVAC SYSTEMS INCLUDED IN THE WORK SHALL BE INSTALLED ON A DESIGN-BUILD BASIS, AND SHALL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER THE STRUCTURE OR FINISHES.

5 (WEATHERPROOFING)

5A – CHECK LOCAL CODES FOR INSULATION REQUIREMENTS.

5B – AVOID USING SPRAY FOAM INSULATION WITHOUT MITIGATING MOISTURE ISSUES & THE POSSIBILITY OF HIDDEN STRUCTURAL ROT.

5C – DEPICTED WEATHERPROOFING METHODS (SUCH AS SEALANT, CAULKING, AND FLASHING) ARE NOT COMPREHENSIVE. FOLLOW REQ'TS OF BUILDING CODES, PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS, ETC.

6 (EGRESS / FIRE SAFETY)

6A – FIRE BLOCKING AND FIRE-RATED SHEATHING SHALL BE PROVIDED AS REQUIRED AT CEILINGS, FLOORS, AND ENCLOSED USABLE SPACE UNDER STAIRS.

6B – SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS SHALL BE INSTALLED PER APPLICABLE CODES.

6C – ALL GLASS SHALL CONFORM WITH HUMAN IMPACT AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

6D – ALL REQUIRED EXITS SHALL BE OPERABLE FROM THE INSIDE, WITHOUT THE USE OF A KEY OR ANY SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE.

6E – THE MINIMUM STAIRCASE TREAD SHALL BE 10" AND MAXIMUM RISER OF 7.75", WITH A MAXIMUM 3/8" VARIATION WITHIN A FLIGHT.

6F – HANDRAILS SHALL BE LOCATED 34-38 INCHES [864-965 MM] ABOVE STAIR TREADS AS MEASURED FROM THE NOSINGS.

6G – GUARDRAILS MUST BE LOCATED ALONG ANY EDGE WHERE THE FLOOR DROPS 30" [762] OR MORE TO THE FLOOR OR GROUND BELOW.

7 (FINISHES & FIXTURES)

7A – PROVIDE ADEQUATE BLOCKING AROUND CABINETRY, PLUMBING FIXTURES, AND OTHER APPLICABLE AREAS.

7B – CONTRACTOR MUST ENSURE THE INTERIOR SHEATHING IS FLUSH, CLEAN AND FREE OF DUST AND DEFECTS BEFORE THE APPLICATION OF PAINT COATINGS

7C – FLOOR MATERIAL TRANSITIONS OCCUR AT THE CENTERLINE OF DOORS OR FRAMED OPENINGS.

7D – PROVIDE AT LEAST 1 COAT PRIMER AND 2 FINISH COATS OF PAINT AT INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR SURFACES.

7E – DO NOT USE SCREW-ON, NON-OPERABLE WINDOW SHUTTERS. THEY ARE AS TACKY AS CLIP-ON TIES.

7F – AN ECONOMICAL ALTERNATIVE TO LOUVERED SHUTTERS: BOARD & BATTEN SHUTTERS. BUT DO NOT USE SCREW-ON, NON-OPERABLE SHUTTERS. (IT WOULD BE BETTER TO USE NONE AT ALL.)

7G – DO NOT USE ALUMINUM OR VINYL SIDING. SNAP-ON SIDING MAKES ONCE-BEAUTIFUL HOUSES LOOK LIKE CHEAP PLASTIC TOYS.

7H – SCREEN PORCHES MAY BECOME FUTURE ADDITIONS TO THE CONDITIONED SPACE (AS A MUDROOM, BATHROOM TO A BEDROOM SUITE, ETC). BUILD THEM WITH THAT IN MIND.

7I – WALL-TO-WALL CARPETING IS FORBIDDEN.

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FOUNDATION PLAN NOTES

1. ALL FOUNDATION DESIGNS MUST BE ENGINEERED TO LOCAL CONDITIONS. THIS IS ONLY A TEMPLATE. MANY FACTORS MUST BE CONSIDERED FOR A COMPLETE WORK, LIKE SOIL TYPE, SEISMIC ISSUES, SLOPING TERRAIN, FLOODING, AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.

2. OTHER FOUNDATION TYPES CAN BE USED, LIKE A BASEMENT, SLAB, OR PIERS.

3. STRUCTURAL BRICK FACING MAY BE 1" THIN BRICK VENEER INSTEAD, WHICH CAN LOOK BETTER THAN 4-5" BRICK VENEERS. BRICKWORK SHOULDN'T PROTRUDE PAST THE SIDING.

4. DON'T USE CONCRETE WITH FAKE BRICK TEXTURE. PLAIN CONCRETE IS MUCH BETTER.

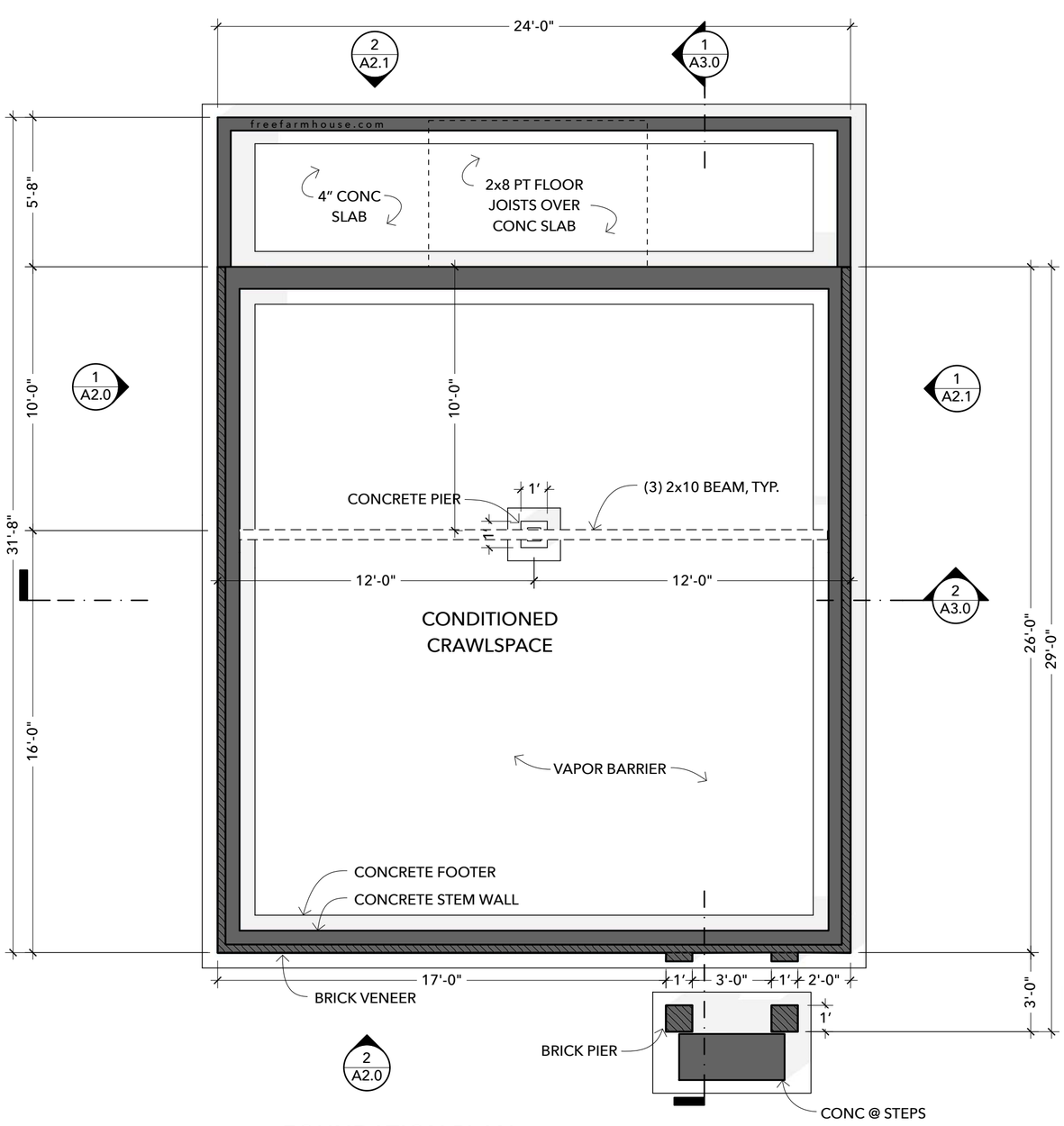
ROOF PLAN NOTES

1. DATUMS ARE TO FINISH FLOOR OF MAIN LEVEL. HOUSE HEIGHTS ARE MEASURED IN MANY WAYS. THIS DESIGN WORKS WITH MOST 25-FOOT BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITS.

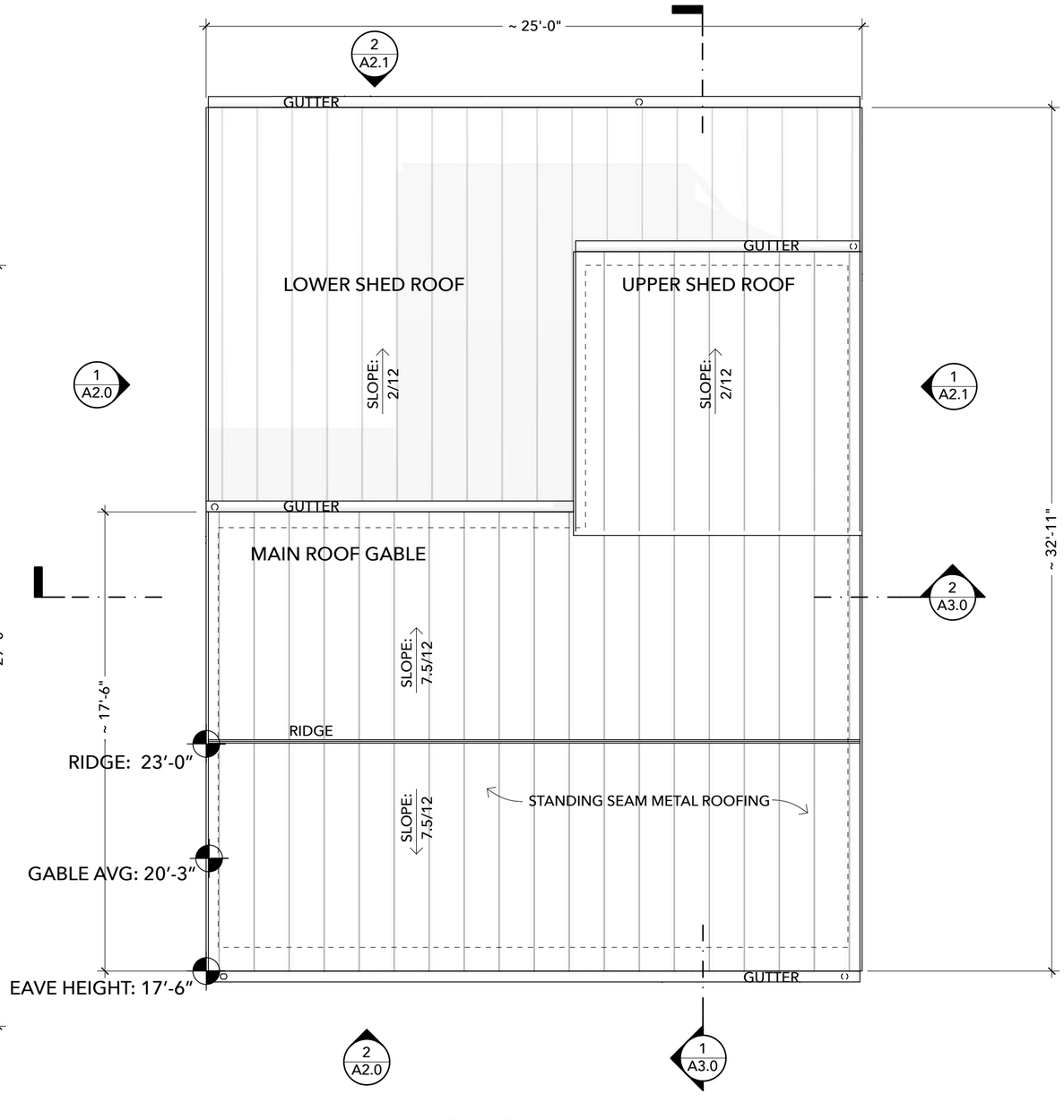
2. TO REDUCE ROOFING COSTS, REPLACE STANDING SEAM WITH 5V METAL PANELS.

3. ROOF DIMENSIONS ARE ROUGH, NOT PRECISE ENOUGH FOR CONSTRUCTION. DIMENSIONS IN BUILDING SECTIONS AND FLOOR PLANS TAKE PRECEDENCE.

4. ROOF HAS MANY APPROPRIATE MATERIAL OPTIONS, BUT WAREHOUSE-LOOKING METAL ROOFING (WITH RECTANGULAR CORRUGATIONS) SHOULD BE AVOIDED.



1 FOUNDATION PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



2 ROOF PLAN
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FLOOR PLAN NOTES:

1. IF MORE THAN 3 RISERS ARE NEEDED AT PORCH STEPS, A HANDRAIL SHOULD BE PROVIDED (AS REQ'D BY CODE).

2. GUARDRAIL MAY BE REQUIRED AT PORCH IF DROP TO GROUND IS INCREASED TO MORE THAN 24-30" (SEE LOCAL REQ'TS).

3. NOTE THAT SOME DIMENSIONS ARE TO THE CENTER OF THE POSTS, OTHERS TO THE EDGES OF POSTS (& BEAMS THEY SIT ON OR HOLD UP).

4. OPTIONAL BUILT-IN SHELVING. POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR WOODSTOVE.

DOORS

- (A) 36x84 9-LITE FRONT DOOR
- (B) 36x80 4-LITE BACK DOOR
- (C) 30x80 5-PANEL DOOR
- (D) 24x80 1-PANEL DOOR
- (E) 18x80 LOUVERED DOOR
- (H) 72x80 SLIDING GLASS DRS

WINDOWS

- (1) 32x72 DH 2/2 DIVIDED LITES
- (2) 32x60 DH 2/2 DIVIDED LITES
- (3) 24x42 DH 2/2 DIVIDED LITES

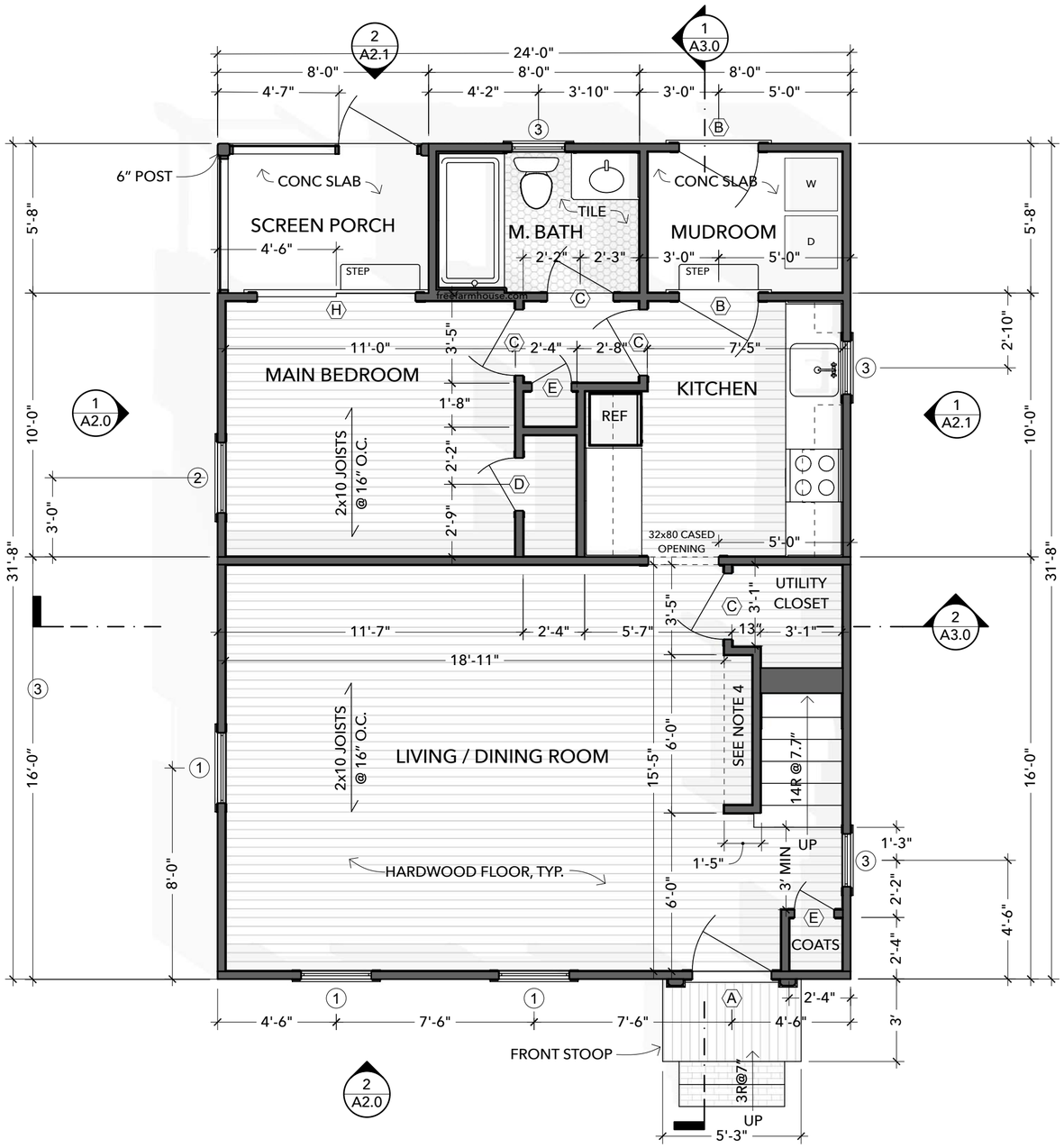
CEILING/ ELECTRICAL NOTES:

1. CEILING HEIGHTS ARE APPROXIMATE (+/- 1")

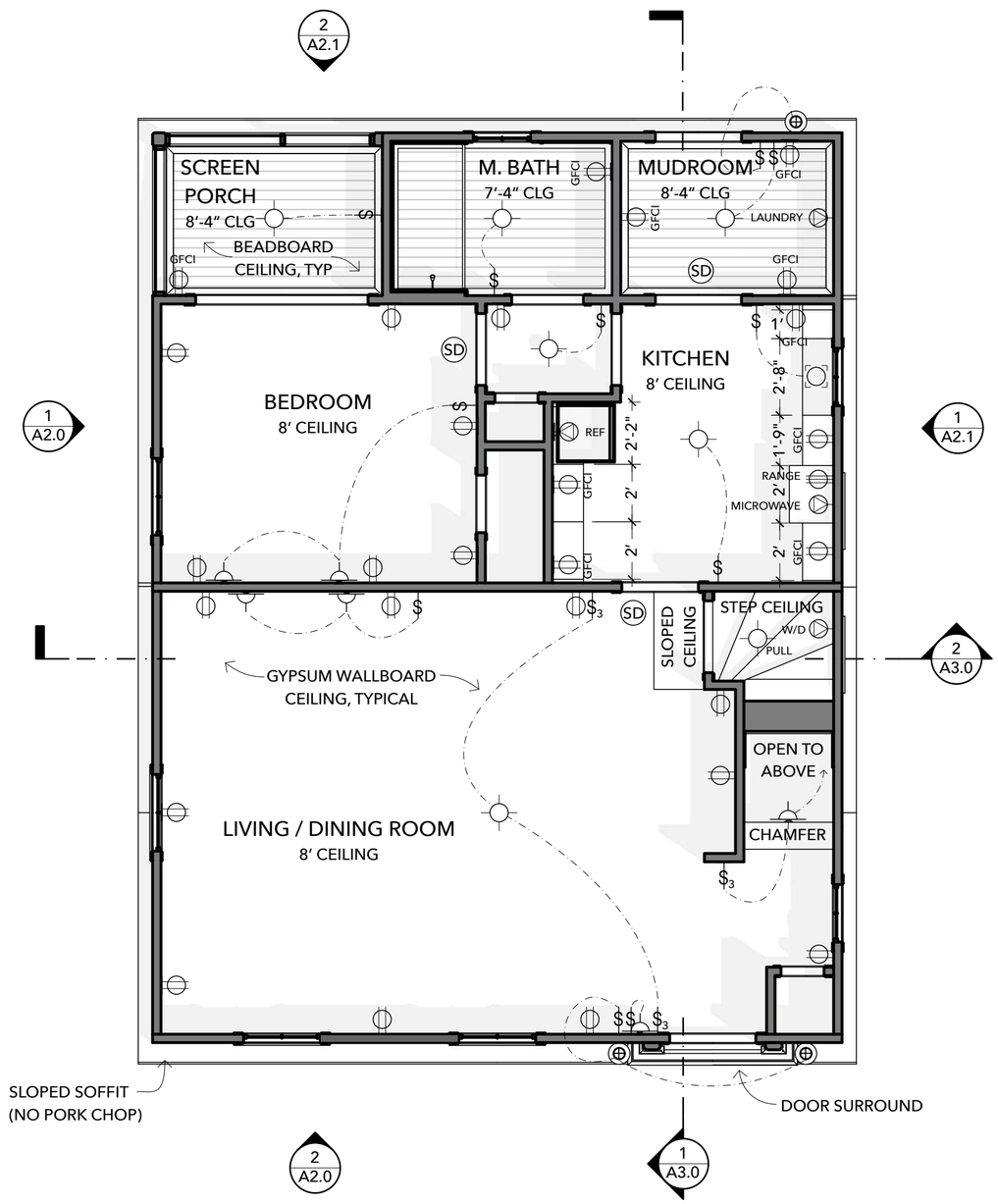
2. UTILITY ROOM CEILING SHALL BE FIRE-RATED WITH GYP BD SHEATHING

3. HEAD CLEARANCE AT STAIRCASE TO BE 80" MINIMUM

4. SHOWER MAY INSTEAD BE REPLACED BY STACKED LAUNDRY UNITS. IN THAT CASE, MAKE SURE TO SPECIFY THE APPROPRIATE OUTLETS.



1 DOWNSTAIRS FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



2 DOWNSTAIRS CEILING & ELECTRICAL PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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DOWNSTAIRS PLANS

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FLOOR PLAN NOTES:

1. WINDER STAIRS MUST FOLLOW STRICT CODES. THEY ARE SAFER THAN IN THE PAST, BUT NOW HARDER TO BUILD.

2. BEDROOM CLOSET AT RAISED PLATFORM (STAIRS) CAN BE OMITTED.

3. LINEN CLOSET (AT HALL) MAY INSTEAD BE A CHASE FOR DUCTWORK.

4. BEDROOM CLOSET MAY BE REPLACED BY A WARDROBE.

5. SIDE WINDOW AT WINDER STAIRS CAN BE OMITTED, BUT SHALL STILL BE FRAMED IN, IN CASE OF FUTURE REAR ADDITION AT 2ND LEVEL.

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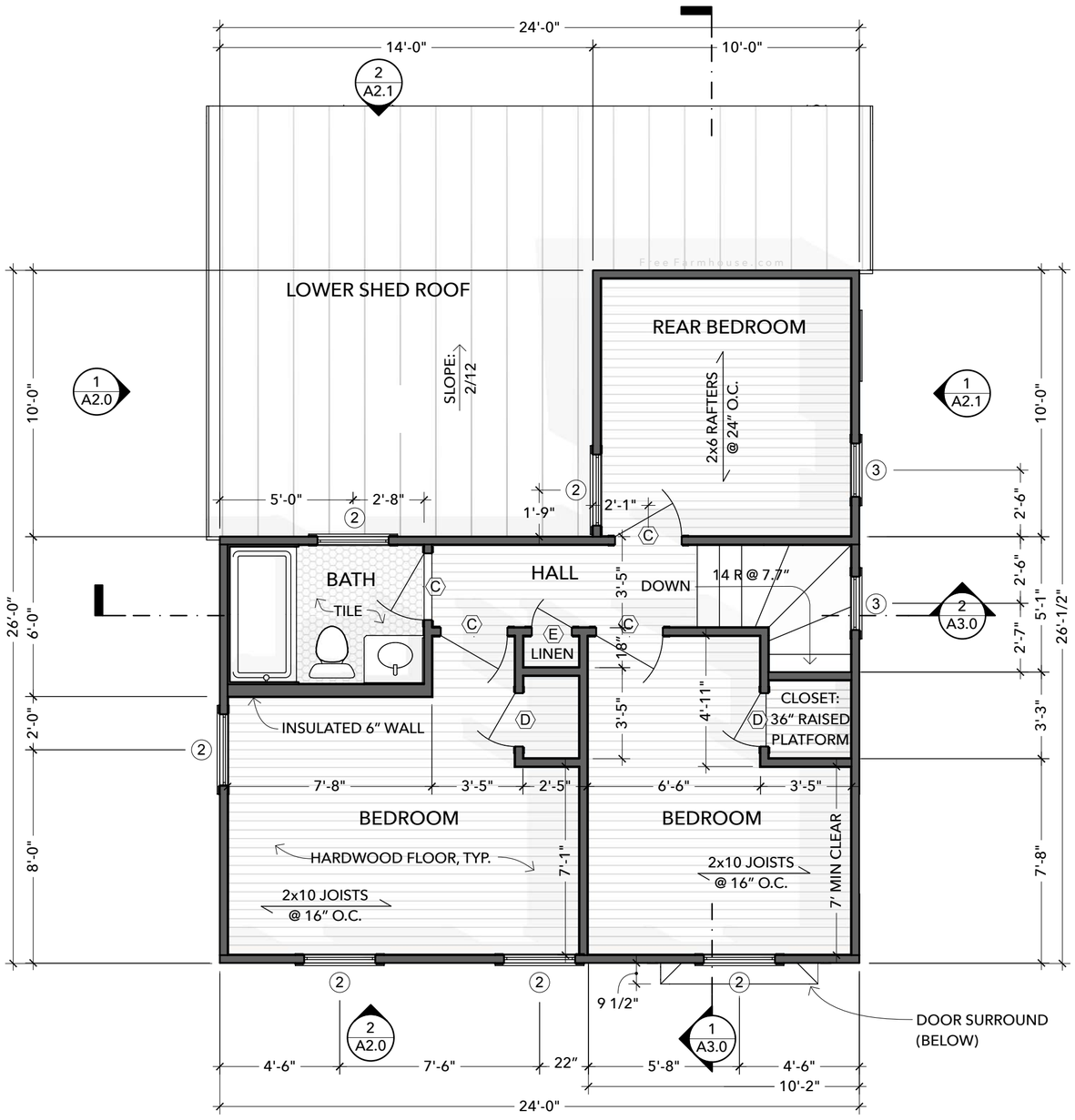
CEILING PLAN NOTES:

1. CEILING HEIGHTS ARE APPROXIMATE (+/- 1"). PRIORITIZE DIMENSIONS SHOWN IN SECTION DRAWINGS.

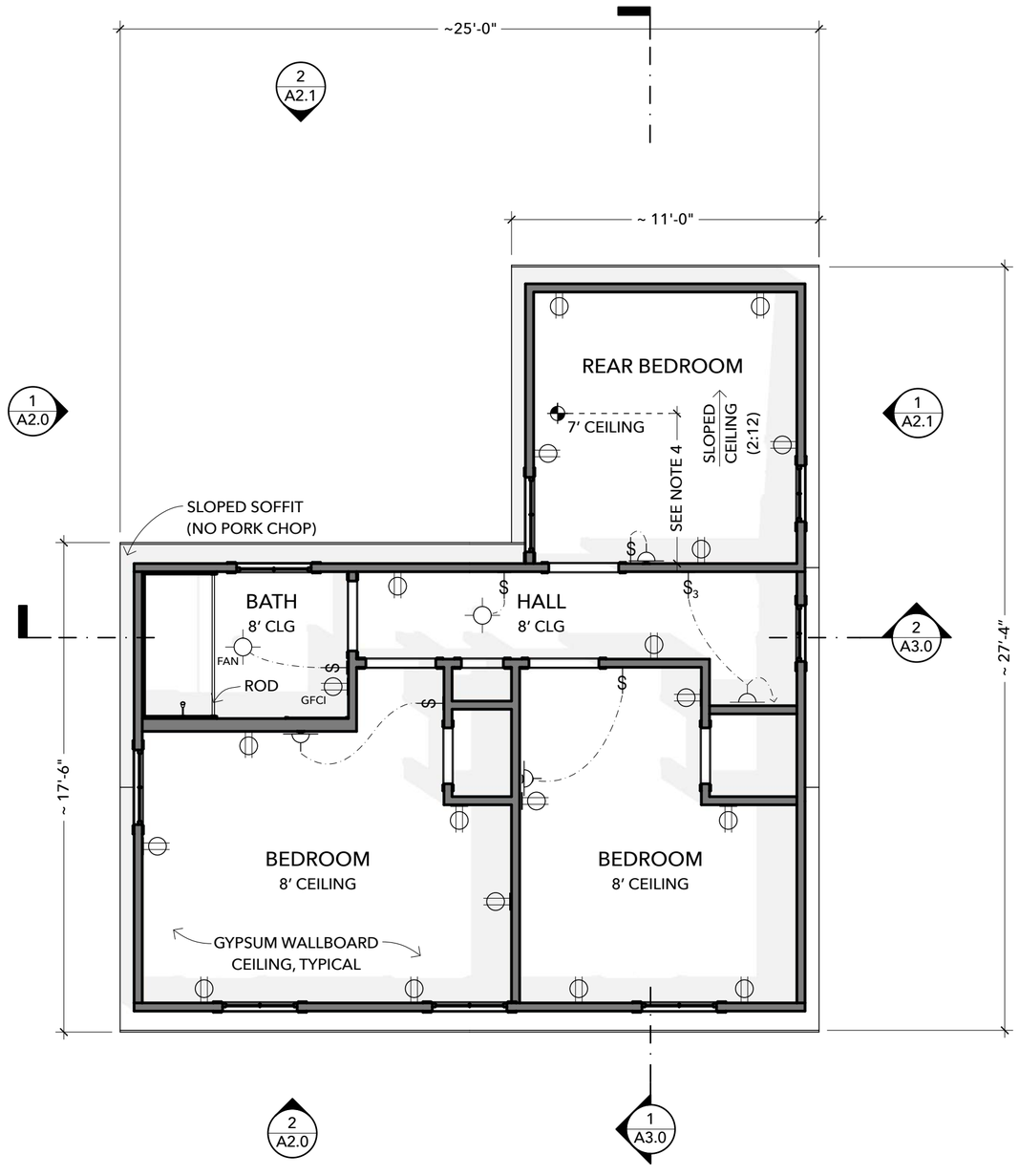
2. HEAD CLEARANCE AT STAIRCASE TO BE 80" MINIMUM

3. WALL-MOUNTED LIGHTS ARE PREFERRED WHEREVER EFFICIENCY AND STERILITY ARE NOT VIRTUES.

4. AT LEAST 50% OF ROOM AREA SHALL HAVE A 7' MIN CEILING HEIGHT.



1 UPSTAIRS FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



2 UPSTAIRS CEILING & ELECTRICAL PLAN
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UPSTAIRS PLANS

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ELEVATION NOTES

1. DATUMS ARE TO FINISH FLOOR. HOUSE HEIGHTS ARE MEASURED IN MANY WAYS, BUT THIS DESIGN VARIATION WORKS WITH MOST 25-FOOT BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITS.

2. WINDOW SHUTTERS SHALL BE OPERABLE. TACK-ON VINYL SHUTTERS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN, BECAUSE THE HOUSE WOULD LOOK BETTER WITH NO SHUTTERS AT ALL.

3. DON'T USE VINYL SIDING. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE SNAP-IN-PLACE, FLIMSY VINYL LOOK LIKE SOLID WOOD SIDING. VINYL SIDING USUALLY ENDS UP IN A LANDFILL.

4. IF HIGH DROP TO GROUND, WINDOW SILLS MAY NEED TO BE >24" ABOVE FLOOR.

5. AT THE FOUNDATION, DON'T USE CONCRETE MOLDS WITH A FAKE BRICK TEXTURE. THAT NEVER LOOKED GREAT, AND SOMEDAY IT WILL LOOK AS DATED AS THOSE 1950S ASPHALT SHINGLES WITH A FAKE BRICK PATTERN.

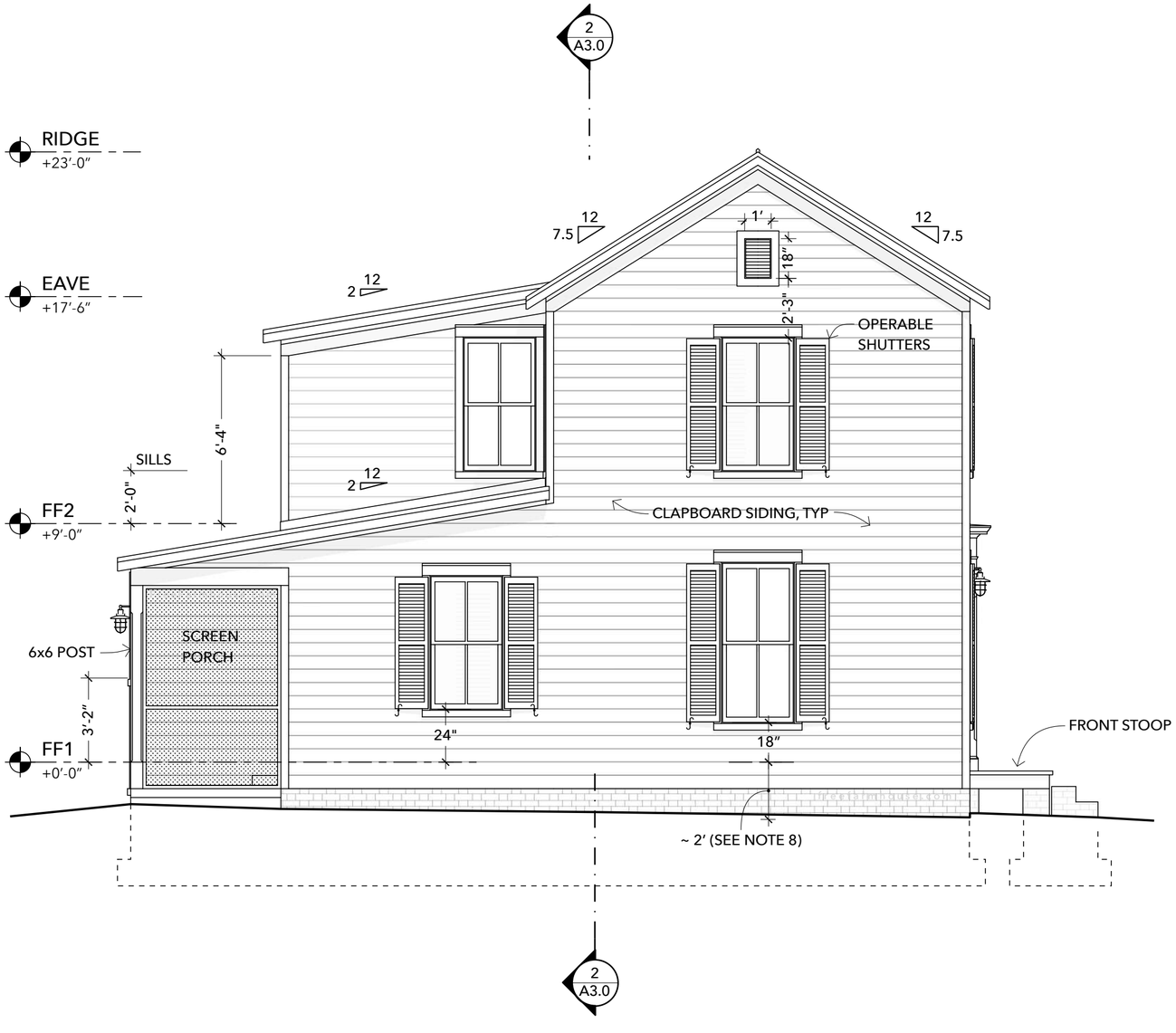
6. **DOORS**: MARVIN ULTIMATE SERIES. BUT ANTIQUES PREFERRED. TRIM: WOOD OR FIBER CEMENT: 1x4 SIDE, 2x6 UPPER (W/ EXPOSED FLASHING), 3" SILL.

7. **WINDOWS:** DOUBLE HUNG W/ 2/2 DIVIDED LITES, MARVIN ULTIMATE SERIES, OR ANTIQUE. TRIM: SOLID WOOD OR FIBER CEMENT: 1x4 SIDE, 2x6 UPPER, 3" SILL.

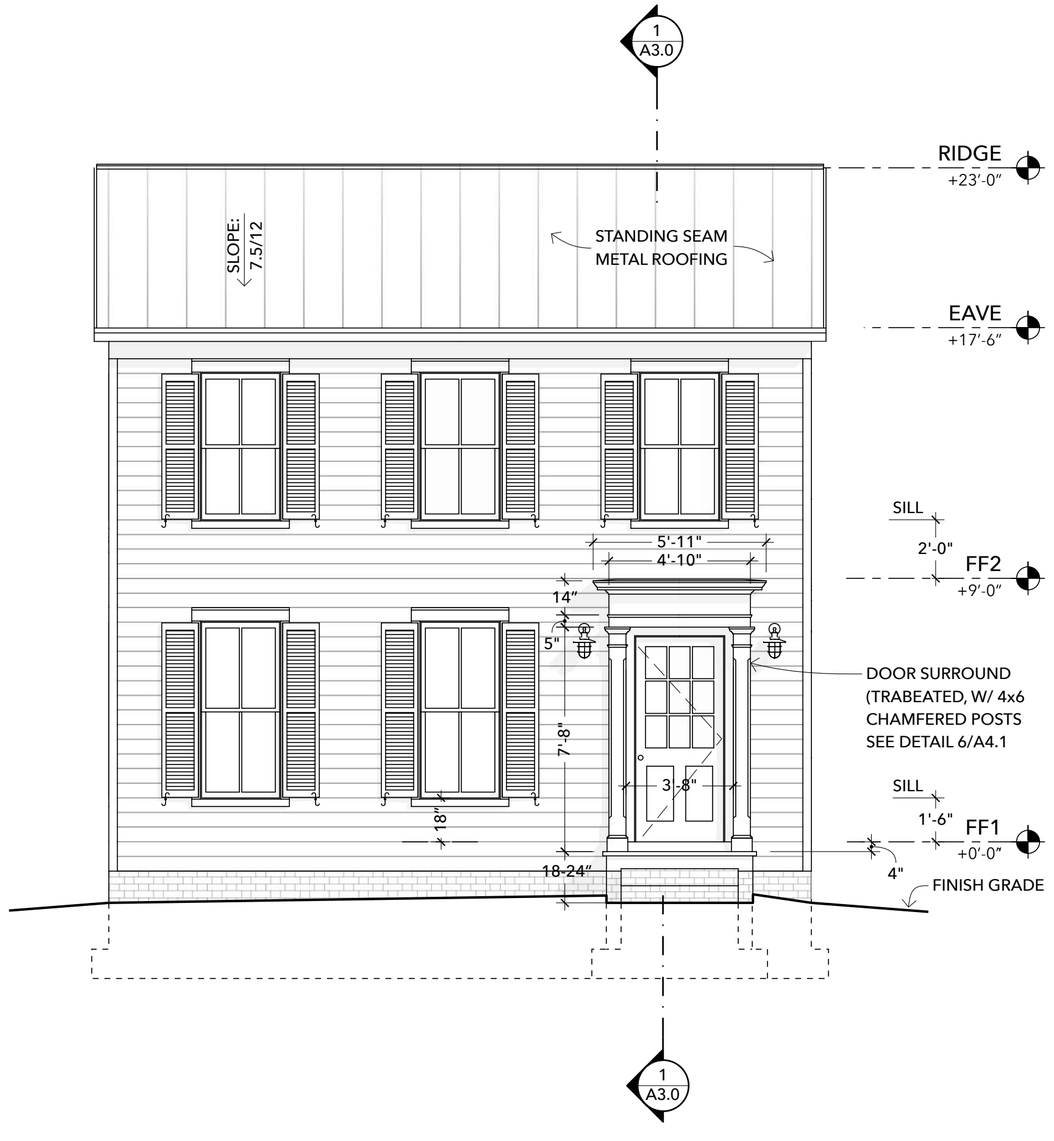
8. **SIDING:** 4-6" FIBER CEMENT CLAPBOARD. JAMES HARDIE: ARTISAN SERIES. OTHER OPTIONS: WOOD, SHINGLES, BOARD & BATTEN. BUT VINYL SIDING IS FORBIDDEN.

9. **ROOFING:** STANDING SEAM METAL PANELS (16"). IF BUDGET ALLOWS: WOOD SHINGLES OR SLATE. TO SAVE COSTS: USE 5V GALVALUME PANELS OR ROUND CORRUGATED STEEL. DON'T USE METAL PANELS WITH SQUARE-ISH CORRUGATIONS.

10. DO NOT "PORK CHOP" ANY OF THE ROOF EAVES.



1 WEST ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



2 SOUTH ELEVATION (FRONT)
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FRONT ELEVATIONS

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ELEVATION NOTES

1. SECTION DIMENSIONS TAKE PRECEDENCE, WHEREVER PRECISION IS DEMANDED.

2. RAILING AT PORCH MAY NOT BE REQUIRED IF THE DROP TO THE GROUND IS SHORT ENOUGH. BUILDING CODES USUALLY SPECIFY 30", BUT THIS VARIES BY JURISDICTION.

3. IF 3 OR FEWER STEPS FROM PORCH TO GROUND, HANDRAIL MAY NOT BE NEEDED.

4. IF HIGH DROP TO GROUND, WINDOW SILLS MAY NEED TO BE >24" ABOVE FLOOR.

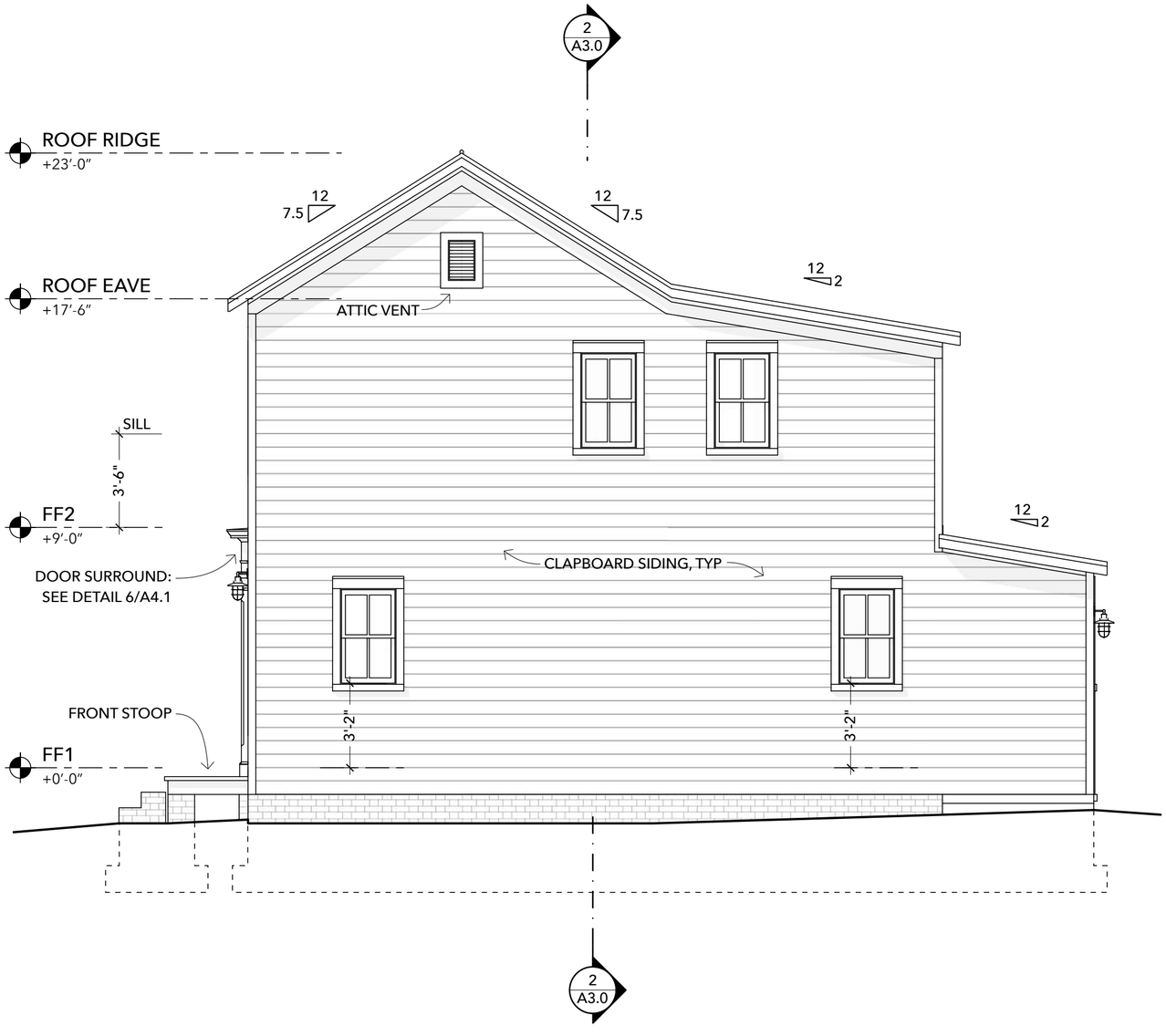
5. WINDOWS ON EAST ELEVATION CAN BE OMITTED IF WITHIN 3' OF PROPERTY LINE.

6. **DOORS**: MARVIN ULTIMATE SERIES. BUT ANTIQUES PREFERRED. TRIM: WOOD OR FIBER CEMENT: 1x4 SIDE, 2x6 UPPER (W/ EXPOSED FLASHING), 3" SILL.

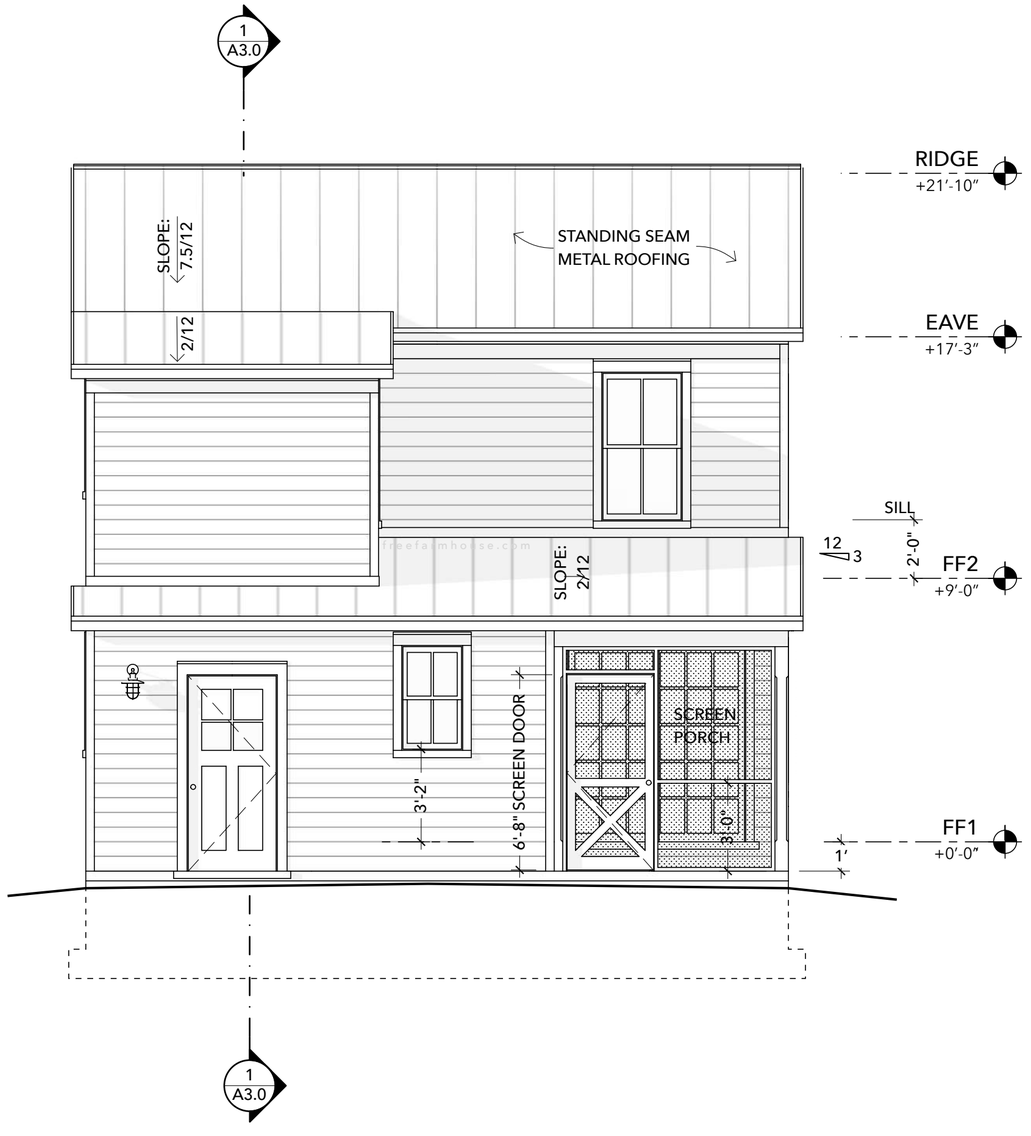
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1 EAST ELEVATION
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2 NORTH ELEVATION (REAR)
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REAR ELEVATIONS

A2.1

SECTION NOTES

1. CEILING HEIGHT IS APPROXIMATE (+/- 1")

2. FOUNDATION TO BE ENGINEERED BASED ON SITE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

3. WINDER STAIRS HAVE STRICT REQUIREMENTS. CONSULT BUILDING CODE FOR INFO.

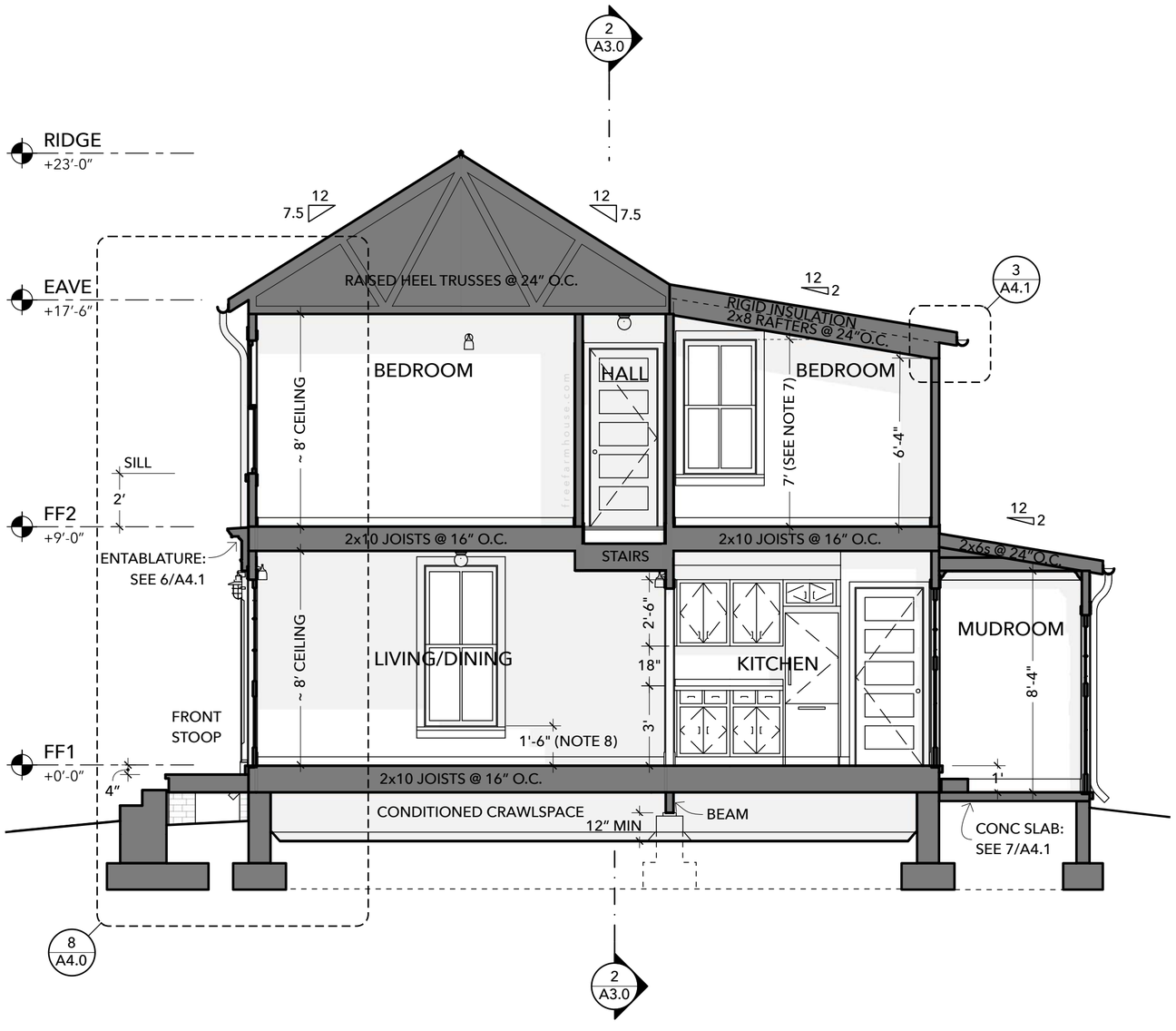
4. WINDERS CAN BE BUILT AS A SERIES OF PLATFORMS. MAKE SURE TO USE 1-HR FIRE-RATED GYPSUM WALLBOARD SHEATHING UNDER THE STAIRS IN THE UTILITY CLOSET.

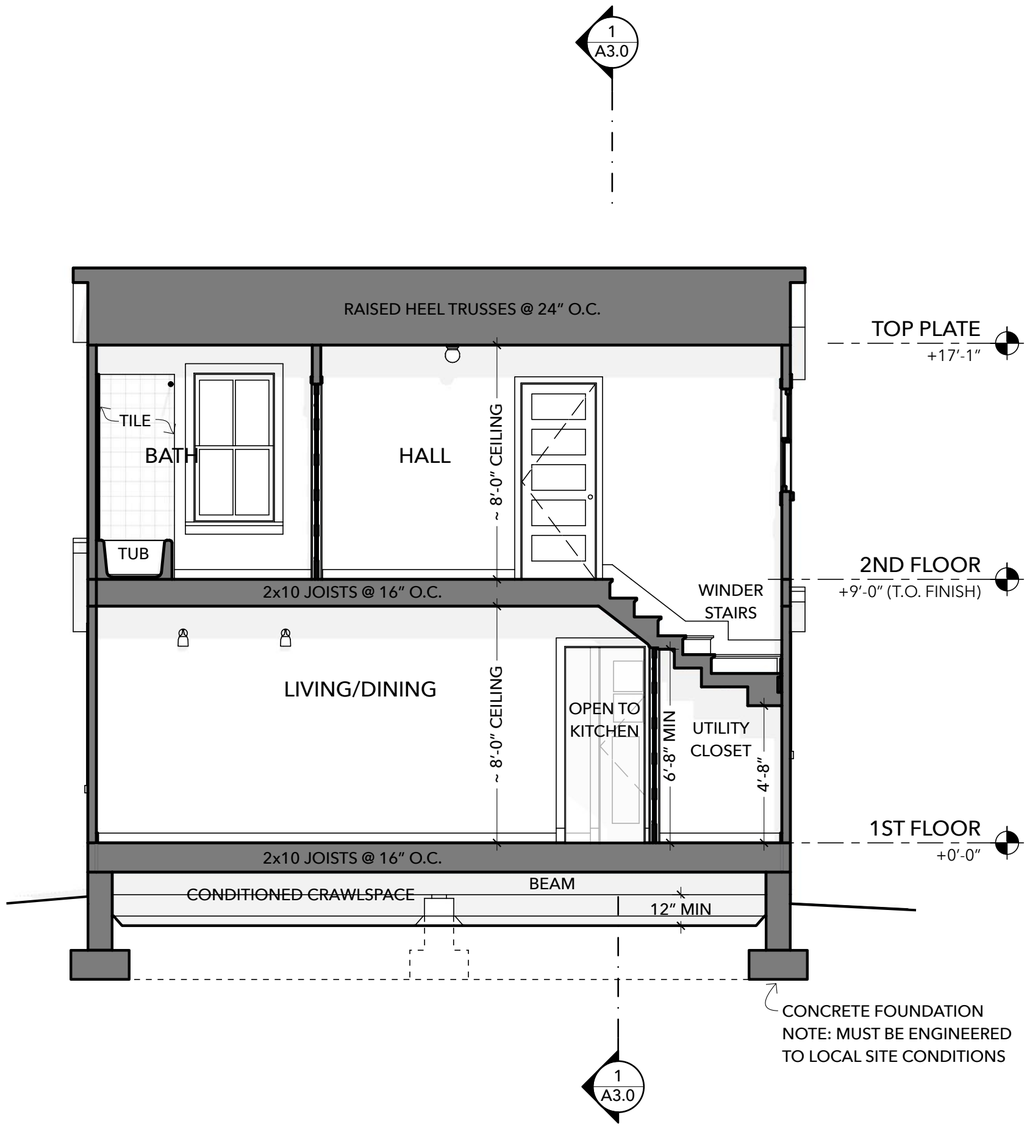
5. MAINTAIN 80" MIN HEAD CLEARANCE AT STAIRCASE.

6. WALLS AND CEILINGS AT UTILITY CLOSET TO BE 1HR FIRE-RATED (TYPE X GYP BD).

7. BY CODE, BEDROOM HAS 7' MIN CEILING FOR AT LEAST 50% OF ITS FLOOR AREA.

8. IF HIGH DROP TO GROUND, WINDOW SILLS MAY NEED TO BE >24" ABOVE FLOOR, OR ELSE THE LOWER SASH MUST BE PREVENTED FROM OPENING 4" OR MORE.





1 TRANSVERSE SECTION
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

2 LONGITUDINAL SECTION
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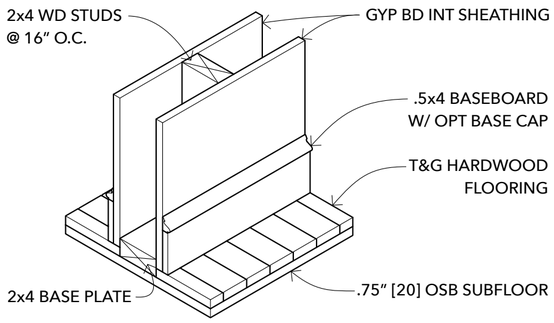
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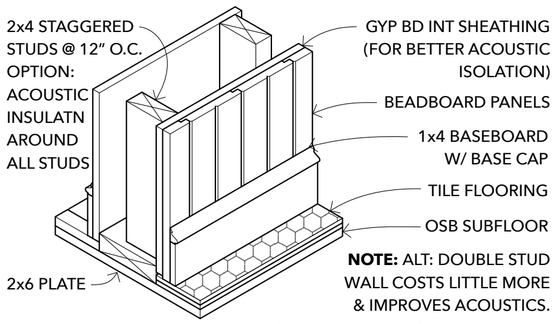
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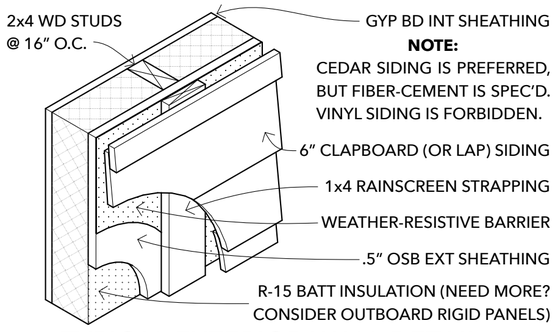
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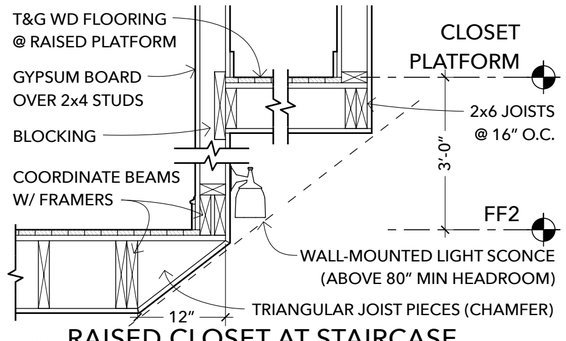
1 TYPICAL INTERIOR WALL DETAIL
SCALE: 1-1/2" = 1'-0"



2 INTERIOR WALL @ BATHROOM
SCALE: 1-1/2" = 1'-0"



3 TYPICAL EXTERIOR WALL DETAIL
SCALE: 1-1/2" = 1'-0"



4 RAISED CLOSET AT STAIRCASE
SCALE: 3/4" = 1'-0"

1. WINDER STAIRS ARE STRICTLY REGULATED COMPARED TO THE PAST. SO THEY ARE SAFER AND MORE CONVENIENT. THEY DON'T SAVE AS MUCH SPACE AS BEFORE, BUT THEY STILL ARE NEEDED FOR THE HEAD CLEARANCE (80" MINIMUM) AT THE STAIRCASE.

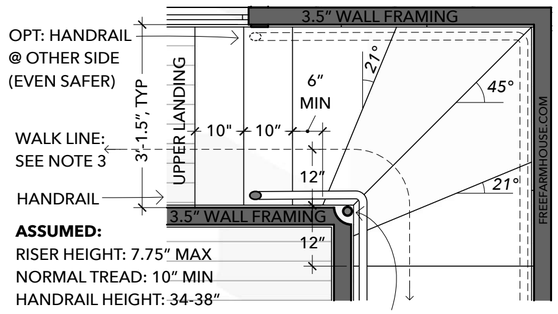
2. US CODES REQUIRE A 6" TREAD AT THE NARROWEST, AND AT LEAST 10" AT THE *WALK LINE* (12" FROM THE WALL AT INSIDE TURN).

3. SOME STATES ALLOW STEEPER STAIRS (8.25" RISERS & 9" TREADS). SAFE ENOUGH THAT MORE RESIDENTIAL CODES MAY SOON ALLOW THEM. (STEEPER STAIRS ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THESE WINDERS.)

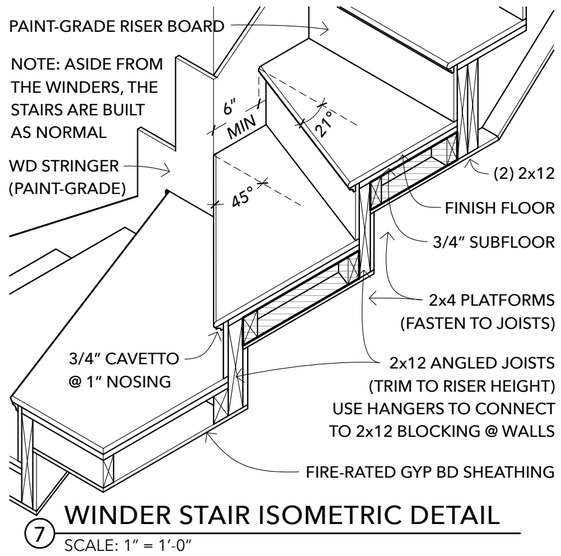
4. THESE WINDER STAIRS ARE CONSTRUCTED AS A SERIES OF VERTICALLY SHIFTED PLATFORMS, BOLTED TOGETHER. SKILLED CARPENTERS CAN MAKE IT IN OTHER WAYS. STACKING PLATFORMS IS JUST ONE OPTION (WHICH MAXIMIZES HEAD HEIGHTS BELOW).

5. FIRE-RATED SHEATHING SHALL BE USED BELOW THESE STAIRS IF THAT AREA HAS UTILITY FUNCTIONS, LIKE LAUNDRY HOOKUPS.

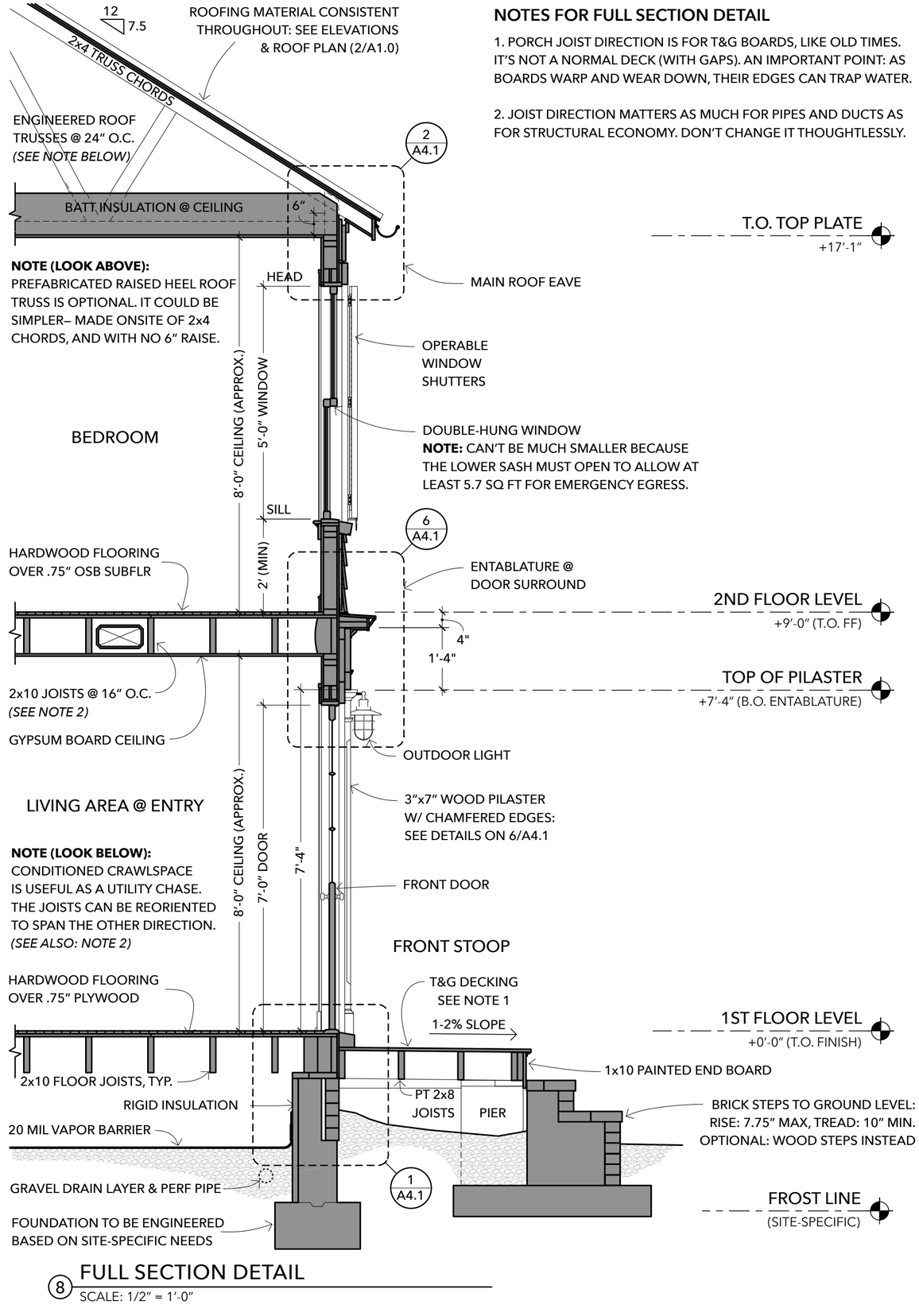
5 WINDER STAIR NOTES
THESE APPLY TO THE DIAGRAMS BELOW



6 WINDER STAIR DETAIL PLAN
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"



7 WINDER STAIR ISOMETRIC DETAIL
SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"



8 FULL SECTION DETAIL
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

NOTES FOR FULL SECTION DETAIL

1. PORCH JOIST DIRECTION IS FOR T&G BOARDS, LIKE OLD TIMES. IT'S NOT A NORMAL DECK (WITH GAPS). AN IMPORTANT POINT: AS BOARDS WARP AND WEAR DOWN, THEIR EDGES CAN TRAP WATER.

2. JOIST DIRECTION MATTERS AS MUCH FOR PIPES AND DUCTS AS FOR STRUCTURAL ECONOMY. DON'T CHANGE IT THOUGHTLESSLY.

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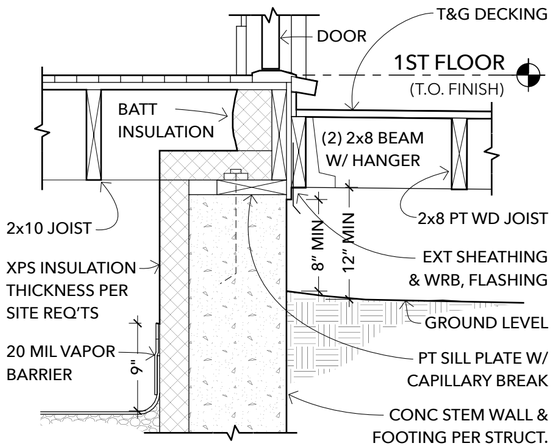
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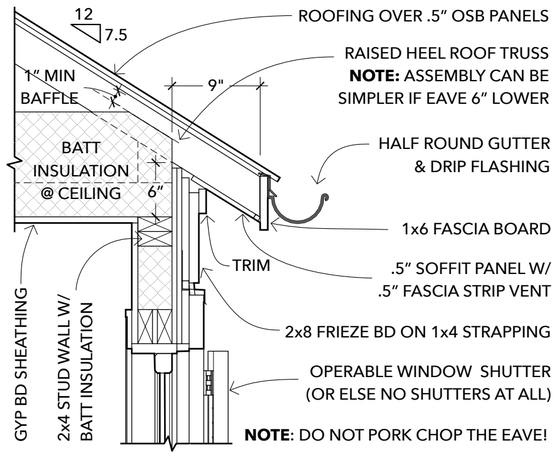
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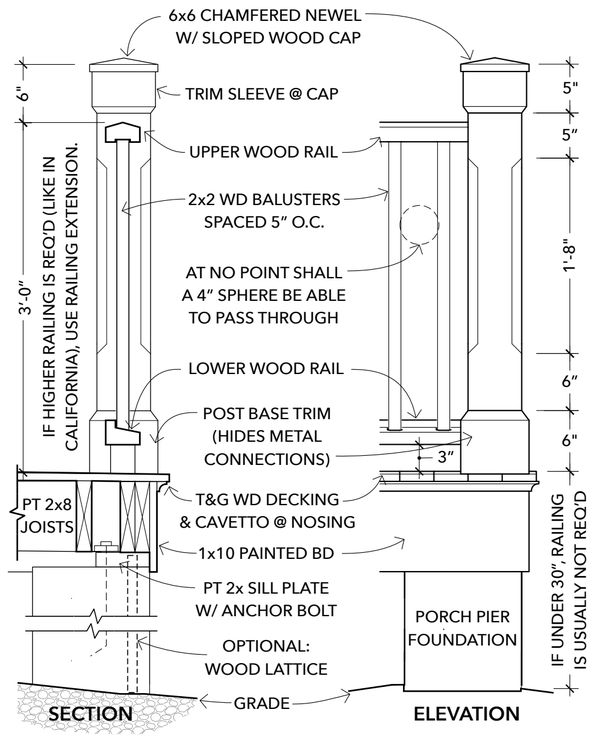
1A FOUNDATION OPT A: CRAWLSPACE

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0" — CONDITIONED CRAWLSPACE



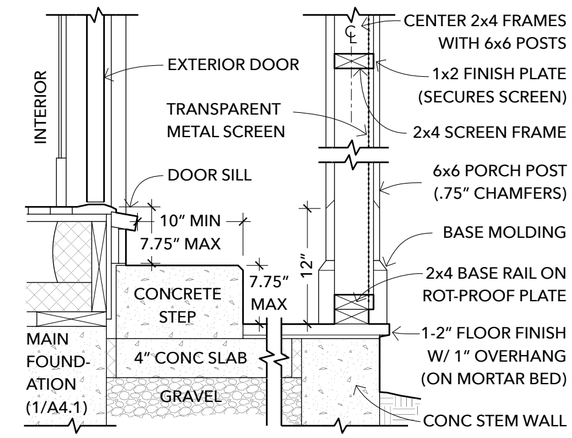
2 MAIN ROOF EAVE DETAIL

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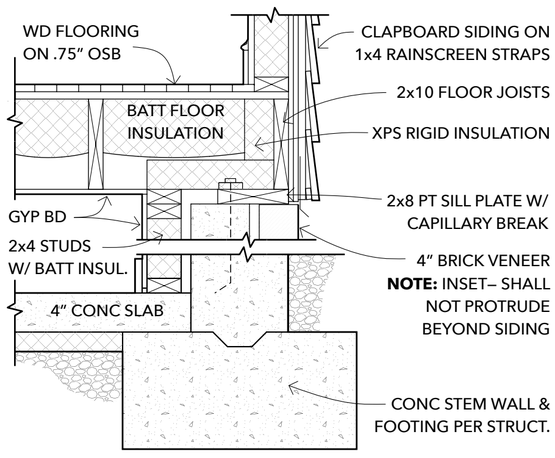
5 FRONT STOOP RAILING OPTION

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0" — IF 42" NOT REQ'D, OMIT EXTENSION



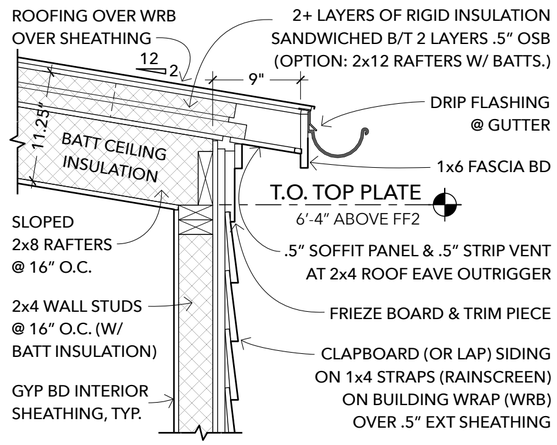
7 SCREEN PORCH @ CONC SLAB

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"



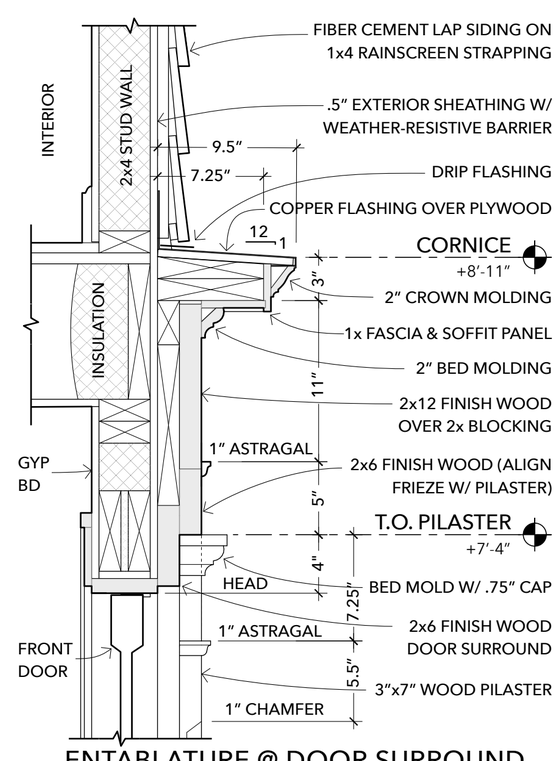
1B FOUNDATION OPT B: BASEMENT

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0" — OPTION (PORCH NOT SHOWN)



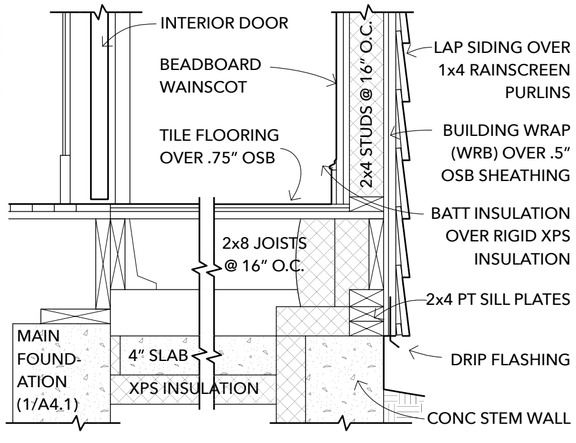
3 UPSTAIRS LEAN-TO ROOF DETAIL

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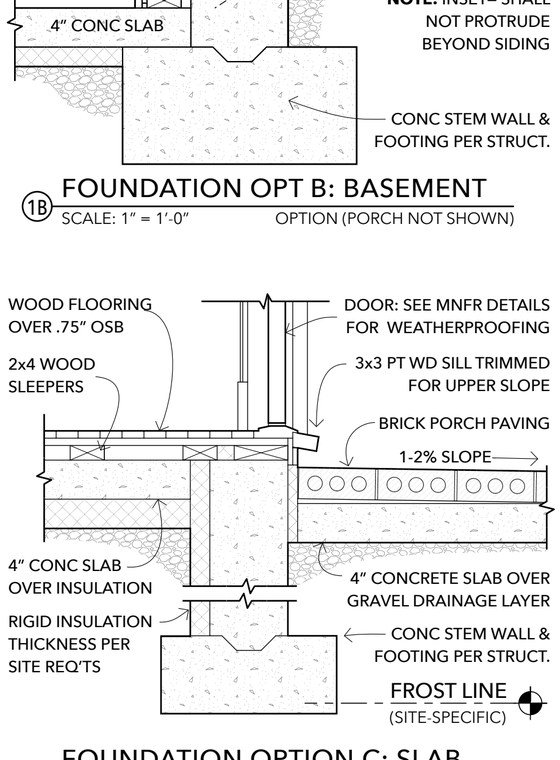
6 ENTABLATURE @ DOOR SURROUND

SCALE: 1-1/2" = 1'-0"



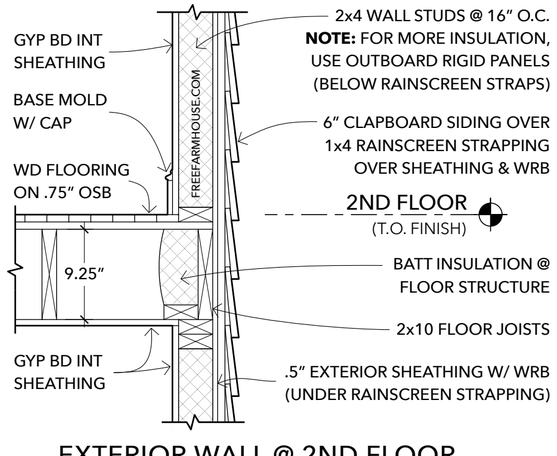
8 BATHROOM FLOOR OVER SLAB

SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"



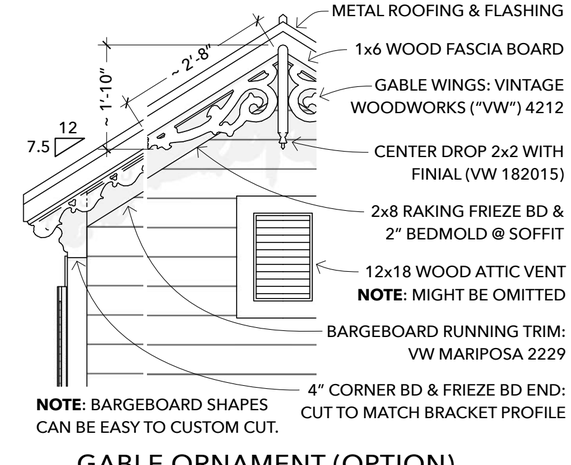
1C FOUNDATION OPTION C: SLAB

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0" — UNCOMMON FOR OLD HOUSES



4 EXTERIOR WALL @ 2ND FLOOR

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"



9 GABLE ORNAMENT (OPTION)

SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0" — GINGERBREAD DECORATIONS

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EXTERIOR DETAILS & OPTIONS

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MARK	ITEM	SIZE	MATERIAL	NOTES	MANUFACTURER / MODEL
F-00	BRICK	-	SMOOTH BRICK	SOLID RED COLOR, SAND-FACED, AVOID WIRE CUT OR "EXTRUDED" LOOK	OLD CAROLINA BRICK COMPANY
F-02	PORCH DECKING	1x4	PAINTED WOOD	TONGUE & GROOVE, UNPAINTED CEDAR PREFERRED, PAINTED WORKS FINE	RECLAIMED PREFERRED
F-04	PORCH COLUMNS	6x6	PAINTED WOOD	TURNED PORCH POSTS (ALTERNATIVELY: 6x6 POSTS WITH CHAMFERED EDGES)	-
F-20	CLAPBOARD SIDING	6"	FIBER CEMENT	VINYL AND ALUMINUM SIDING ARE FORBIDDEN (DETAILS NEVER LOOK RIGHT).	JAMES HARDIE / ARTISAN LAP SIDING
F-22	EXT OPENING CASING	5-6"	FIBER CEMENT	FOR ALL SIDING, WOOD IS STILL AN OPTION. CEDAR PREFERRED.	HARDIPLANK OR 2x LUMBER
F-24	BED MOLDING	2.5", 4"	ROT-RESISTANT	PAINTED. EXTERIOR-GRADE. [FREEFARMHOUSE.COM] WOOD PREFERRED.	-
F-26	ASTRAGAL	1"	ROT-RESISTANT	PAINTED. VARIOUS EXTERIOR-GRADE MATERIAL OPTIONS ARE OKAY HERE	-
F-28	CROWN MOLDING	3-6"	ROT-RESISTANT	PAINTED. EXTERIOR-GRADE. WOOD PREFERRED.	-
F-40	STANDING SEAM ROOF	16" O.C.	GALVALUME	METAL. NO CORRUGATIONS. USE 5V PANELS FOR ECONOMICAL OPTION.	-
F-42	HALF-ROUND GUTTER	5" DIA	COPPER	GALV STEEL ALSO AN OPTION. ADJUST SIZE ACCORDING TO CLIMATE.	-
F-44	KITCHEN COUNTERTOP	1.5-2"	-	CHOOSE: QUARTZ, BUTCHER BLOCK, PORCELAIN TILE, GRANITE, SOAPSTONE	CHOICE BY HOMEOWNER.
F-48	BATHROOM COUNTERTOP	1.5-2"	-	CHOOSE: CERAMIC, QUARTZ, PORCELAIN, BUTCHER BLOCK, GRANITE, MARBLE	CHOICE BY HOMEOWNER.
F-50	HARDWOOD FLOOR	2-3" BDS	FINISH WOOD	TONGUE & GROOVE, STAINED. CREATE FLOOR PATTERNS AS DESIRED.	RECLAIMED PREFERRED.
F-52	FLOOR TILE	1-2" HEX	CERAMIC	HEXAGONAL PATTERN. WHITE COLOR, SMALLEST TILES PREFERRED	-
F-60	WALL TILE	4" SQ	CERAMIC	WHITE SUBWAY TILE, OR CHOICE BY HOMEOWNER.	-
F-62	BASE MOLDING	.5"x5"	FINISH WOOD	MAY INCLUDE DECORATIVE BASE CAP MOLDING.	-
F-64	INT OPENING CASING	.5"X5"	WOOD	PAINTED, WITH .1"-THICK PLINTH BLOCK AT BASE	-
F-68	BEADBOARD	1/2"	COMPOSITE PANEL	EXTERIOR GRADE BEADBOARD TO BE USED AT PORCH CEILING.	-
F-74	HANDRAIL	2"	FINISH WOOD	STAINED SAME COLOR AS FLOOR. MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW ALL REGULATIONS.	-
F-76	NEWEL POST (OPT)	4x4	WOOD	PAINTED, MODESTLY DECORATIVE. RECLAIMED/ANTIQUE PREFERRED.	-
F-78	BALUSTERS	2x2	WOOD	PAINTED, MODESTLY DECORATIVE. RECLAIMED/ANTIQUE PREFERRED.	-
F-79	CROWN MOLDING	4-6"	WOOD	PAINT-GRADE	-
F-80	WINDOW SHUTTERS	SEE NOTE	WOOD/COMPOSITE	SHUTTERS SHALL BE OPERABLE, AND SIZED TO EACH WINDOW.	- TIMBERLANE. OR BOARD & BATTEN.

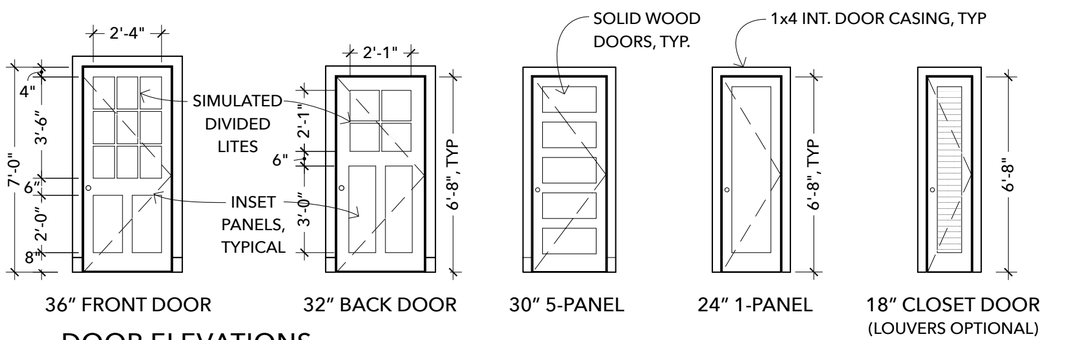
1 MATERIALS SCHEDULE

PRODUCTS ARE RECOMMENDATIONS (ADD "*OR SIMILAR*" TO EACH), BUT NOTES SHOULD BE HEEDED

MARK	ITEM	SIZE	NOTES	MANUFACTURER / MODEL
X-00	REFRIGERATOR	24" MAX WIDTH	ENERGY STAR, COUNTER DEPTH (24" DEPTH STRONGLY PREFERRED)	BLOMBERG BRFB1042SS
X-02	KITCHEN SINK	24" UNIT WIDTH	DOUBLE OR SINGLE BOWL, VITREOUS CHINA PREFERRED	HIGHPOINT COLLECTION OR SINKOLOGY FIRECLAY
X-04	RANGE / OVEN	24"x24"x36"	-	-
X-06	MICROWAVE/HOOD	24" WIDTH	FOR SIZE FLEXIBILITY, CABINET ABOVE THIS UNIT MAY BE OPEN SHELVING	FRIGIDAIRE UMV1422 US
X-08	WATER FAUCET	-	CHOICE BY HOMEOWNER.	-
X-12	DISHWASHER (OPT)	24" WIDTH	-	-
X-16	FLOOR CABINETS	VARIES	FOR AN ECONOMICAL OPTION, USE IKEA UNITS WITH CUSTOM DOORS.	IKEA / SEKTION
X-18	WALL CABINETS	VARIES	GLASS DOORS, WITH MANY PANES, PREFERRED. DOORS MAY BE BUILT DIY.	IKEA / SEKTION
X-20	TOILET	26"x18"	SINGLE BOWL, VITREOUS CHINA. STANDARD SIZE.	TOTO / ROWAN CST405MF OR EQUIVALENT
X-26	BATHROOM VANITY	30"(& 36") WIDE	CABINETS AND COUNTERTOP SURFACES TO BE CHOSEN BY HOMEOWNER.	-
X-30	BATHTUB	30x48	WALL TILE. GLASS DOORS OR CURTAIN. SEAT W/ SINGLE SLAB OF STONE	-
X-62	WASHER DRYER COMBO	30x30x72 MAX	VENTLESS, COMPACT (STACKED UNITS ALSO WORK IN JUNE & APRIL ALCOVES)	HAIER / HWD1600BW
X-68	WATER HEATER	17x15x5	WALL-MOUNTED, TANKLESS, INSTANT WATER HEATER.	STIEBEL ELTRON TEMPRA

2 FIXTURES SCHEDULE

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5 DOOR ELEVATIONS

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

NOTE: 32" CLEAR OPENING REQ'D AT FRONT DOOR (ACCOUNT FOR DOOR THICKNESS & HINGE).

ITEM	MANUFACTURER / MODEL
INTERIOR CEILING LIGHT SCONCE	-
INTERIOR WALL LIGHT SCONCE	-
KIT. WASTE CABINET HARDWARE	-
KIT. SINK HARDWARE	-
SHOWER HARDWARE	-
BATH SINK HARDWARE	-
WINDOW SHUTTER HARDWARE	-
(OPT) PORCH HANGING LIGHT	-
(OPT) KITCHEN FLOORING (IF UNIQUE)	-

GINGERBREAD ORNAMENT OPTIONS:	***(NOTE: VW = "VINTAGE WOODWORKS")***
REPEATING CORNICE BRACKET (EAVE)	- VW RILEY 1551
GABLE WING	- VW 4212
CENTER DROP	- 2x2, FINIAL (VW 182015)
BARGEBOARD RUNNING TRIM	- VW MARIPOSA 2229
SAWN BALLUSTERS	- VW SB5 2305
PORCH RAILING	- VW P-2 RAIL & SR2 SUBRAIL

SIMPLER ORNAMENT:	
REPEATING CORNICE BRACKET	- VW: RILEY 1551

3 ADDITIONAL PRODUCT CHOICES

NOTE: MAY BE OMITTED, OR GIVEN MULTIPLE OPTIONS.

FINAL NOTES & FURTHER READING

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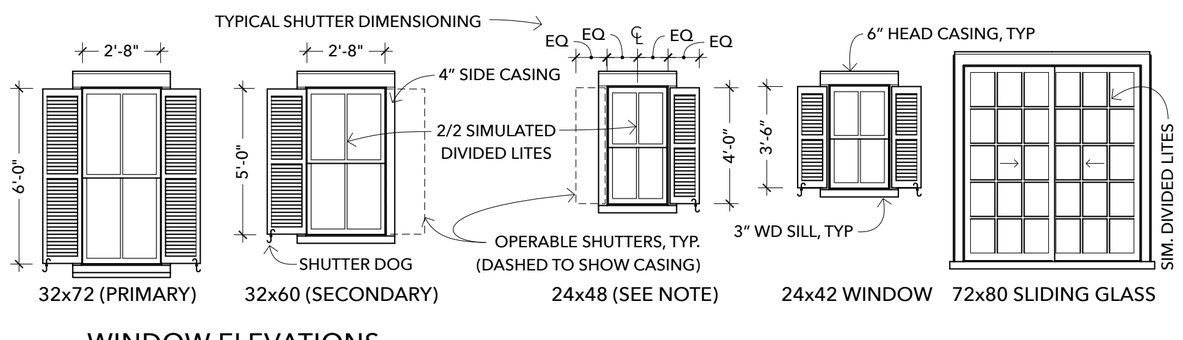
IF THE DESIGN IS BEING MODIFIED, ONE OF THESE (YOUR PICK) IS REQUIRED READING:
1. "*GET YOUR HOUSE RIGHT*", BY MARIANNE CUSATO & BEN PENTREATH
2. "*TRADITIONAL CONSTRUCTION PATTERNS*", BY STEPHEN MOUZON & SUSAN HENDERSON

FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE:
3. "*SKETCHUP & LAYOUT FOR ARCHITECTURE*", BY NICK SONDER (THE SOFTWARE USED HERE)
4. "*RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODES ILLUSTRATED*", BY FRANCIS CHING AND OTHERS

FOR A BIG PICTURE UNDERSTANDING:
5. "*A PATTERN LANGUAGE*", BY CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER (GENERAL DESIGN PRINCIPLES)
6. "*HOW BUILDINGS LEARN", BY STEWART BRAND (ADAPTABLE ARCHITECTURE STRATEGIES)*

4 NOTES & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

INCLUDING REQUIRED & RECOMMENDED READING



6 WINDOW ELEVATIONS

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

NOTE: 24x48 WINDOW MAY BE REPLACED BY 24x42 WINDOW. MAINTAIN HEADER HEIGHTS.

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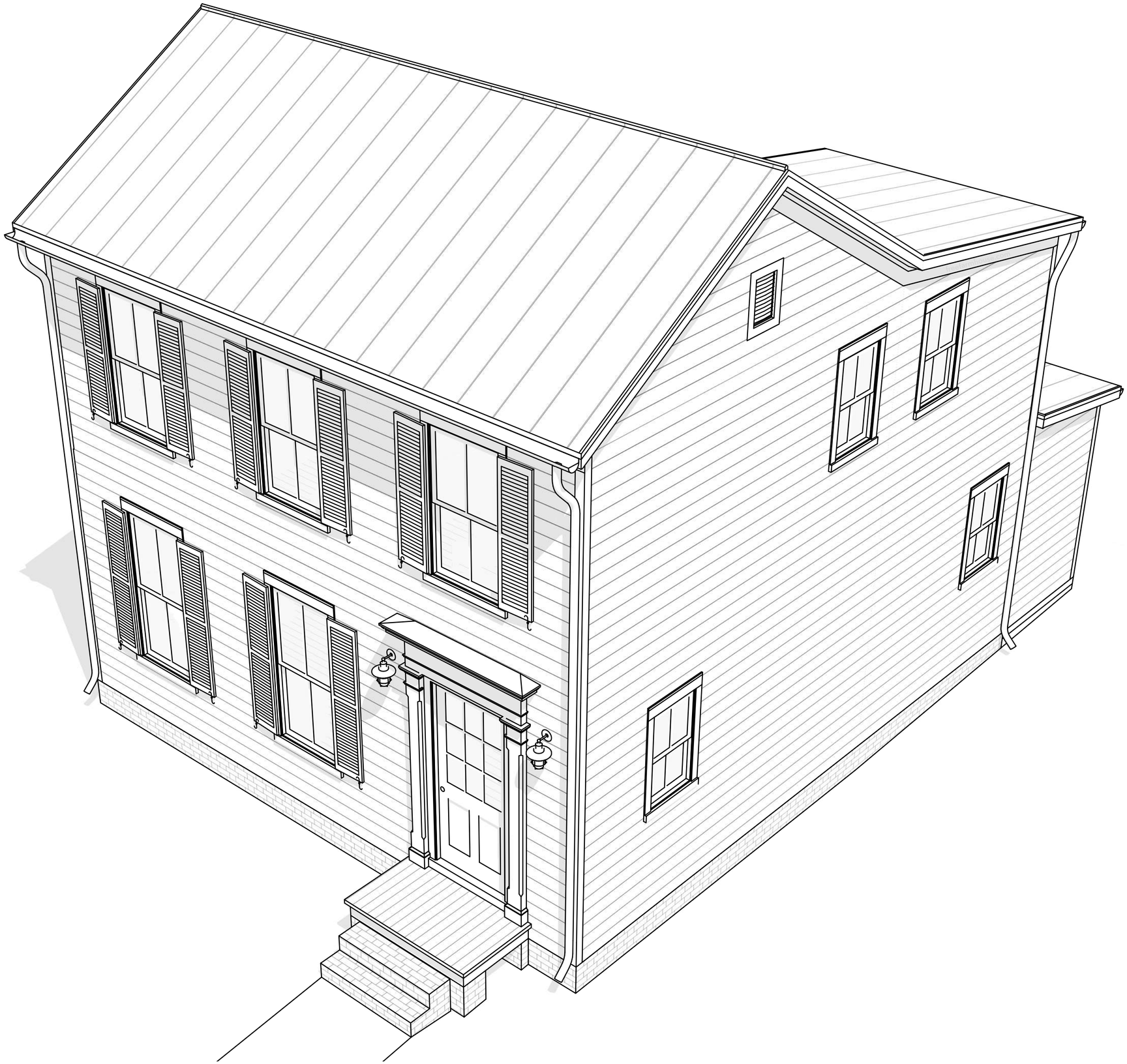
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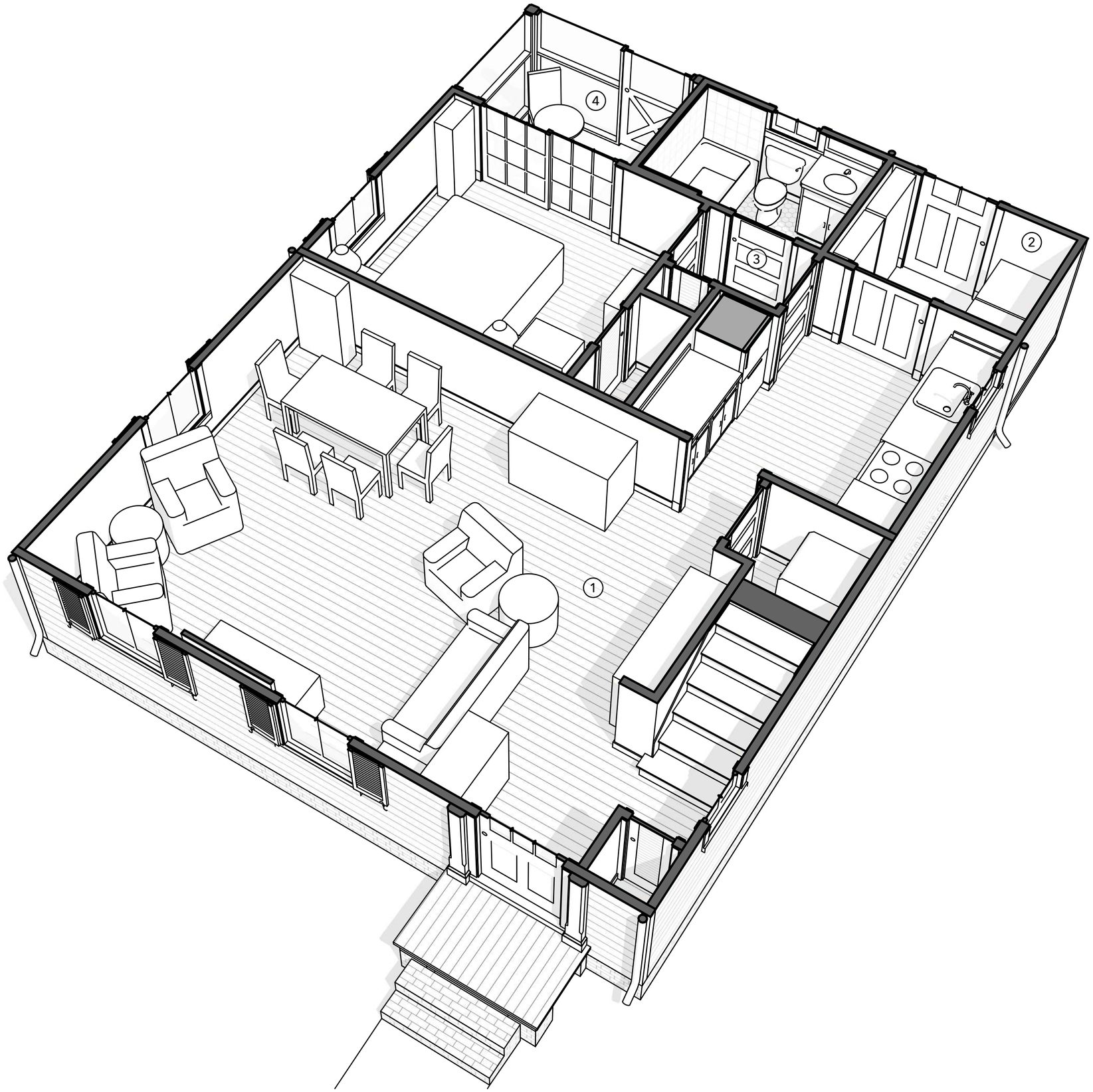
My Starter Farmhouses are designed with interchangeable options (like porches, interior layouts, and rear additions). Marilyn is a variation with an open living area, no front porch, and both a bedroom suite and a kitchen on the first floor (and also a mudroom). Overall, it's larger than the other Starter Farmhouses, for a total of about 1160 square feet– but it can start smaller, without the rear addition.

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DESIGN OVERVIEW

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Each of these Starter Farmhouse designs begin with a 16x24 primary massing – so about 750 square feet at the smallest. The rear additions for Marilyn could be applied to the other designs. For instance, the rear addition can be used with Caroline's wrap-around porch. The end goal is to create a series of modules that allow for countless design variations. Marilyn is just one simple, iconic example.



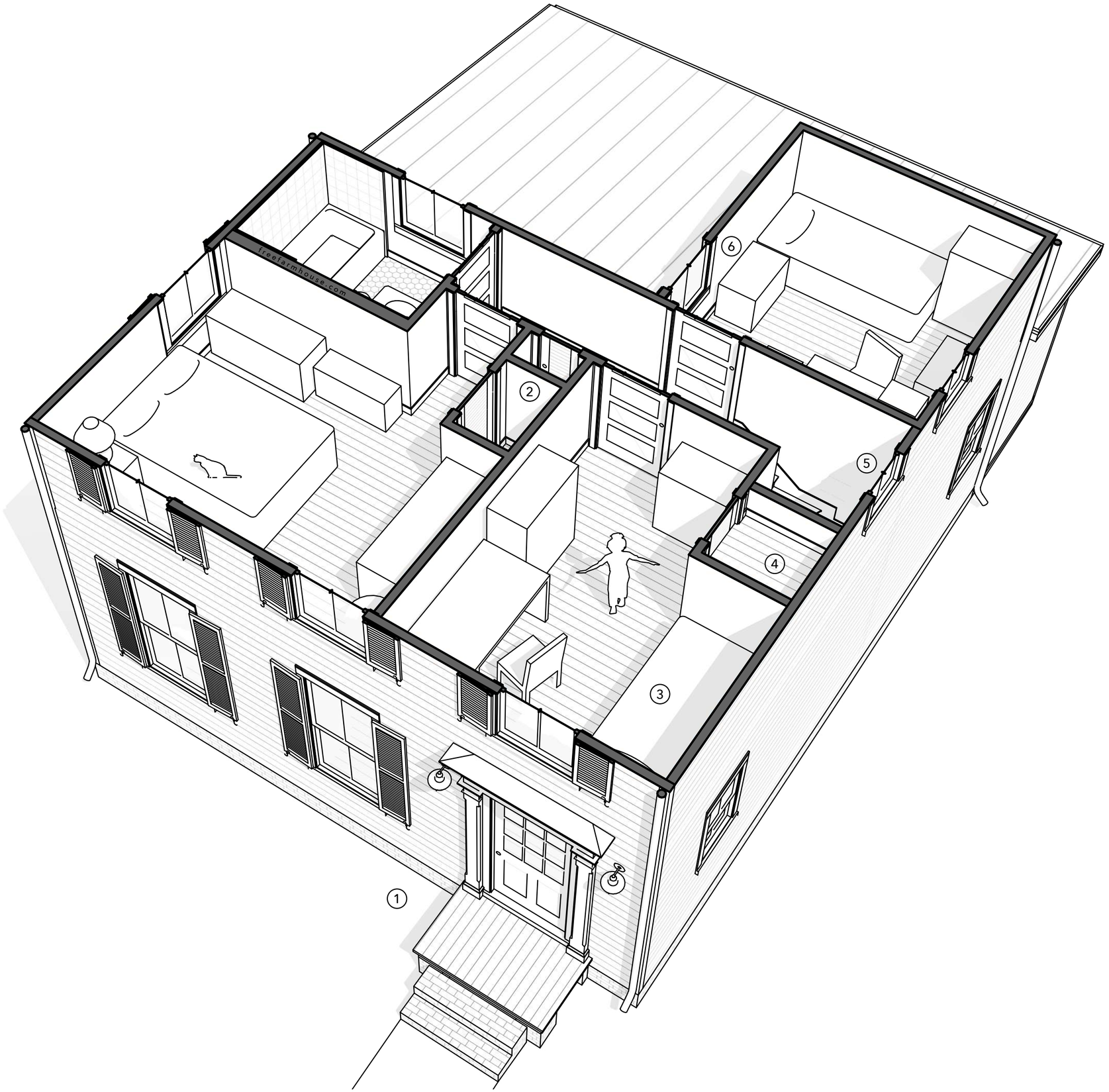
(1) The lower level of this house is arranged in an open plan. Because of this layout, it can work well for large gatherings. However, it also also separates formal and informal functions by having a kitchen in a separate, potentially encloseable space. **(2)** The mudroom can have laundry machines and shelves. Two steps down from the kitchen, any vibrations are muffled by the concrete slab.

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DOWNSTAIRS PLAN

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(3) The bathroom can be enclosed with the bedroom suite during the night, and open (more public) during the day. Modern houses are often designed with many specialized bathrooms, but such shortsighted feature creep wastes space, money, and time. Think of the added maintenance. **(4)** Sliding glass doors are modern, but they hide in the screen porch, and give the bed a wide view outside.



(1) Marilyn has no front porch, so the living room will be more sunny than the other Starter Farmhouse variations. The door surround adds some formality to the entry. **(2)** The closets here can be omitted or rearranged, depending on particular preferences. **(3)** The bedroom alcove needs enough space for a bed. With headroom minimums for the stairs, this significantly limits the whole layout.

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UPSTAIRS PLAN

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(4) For stairway head clearances (80" min), this closet needs that raised platform. **(5)** A window is needed by the winder stairs to ensure enough daylight and airflow for the hallway. For a sense of openness, it's good to put windows at the end of a hall. **(6)** This bedroom has a low, sloping ceiling. One window is large enough for an emergency exit, and needs a sill at least two feet above the floor.



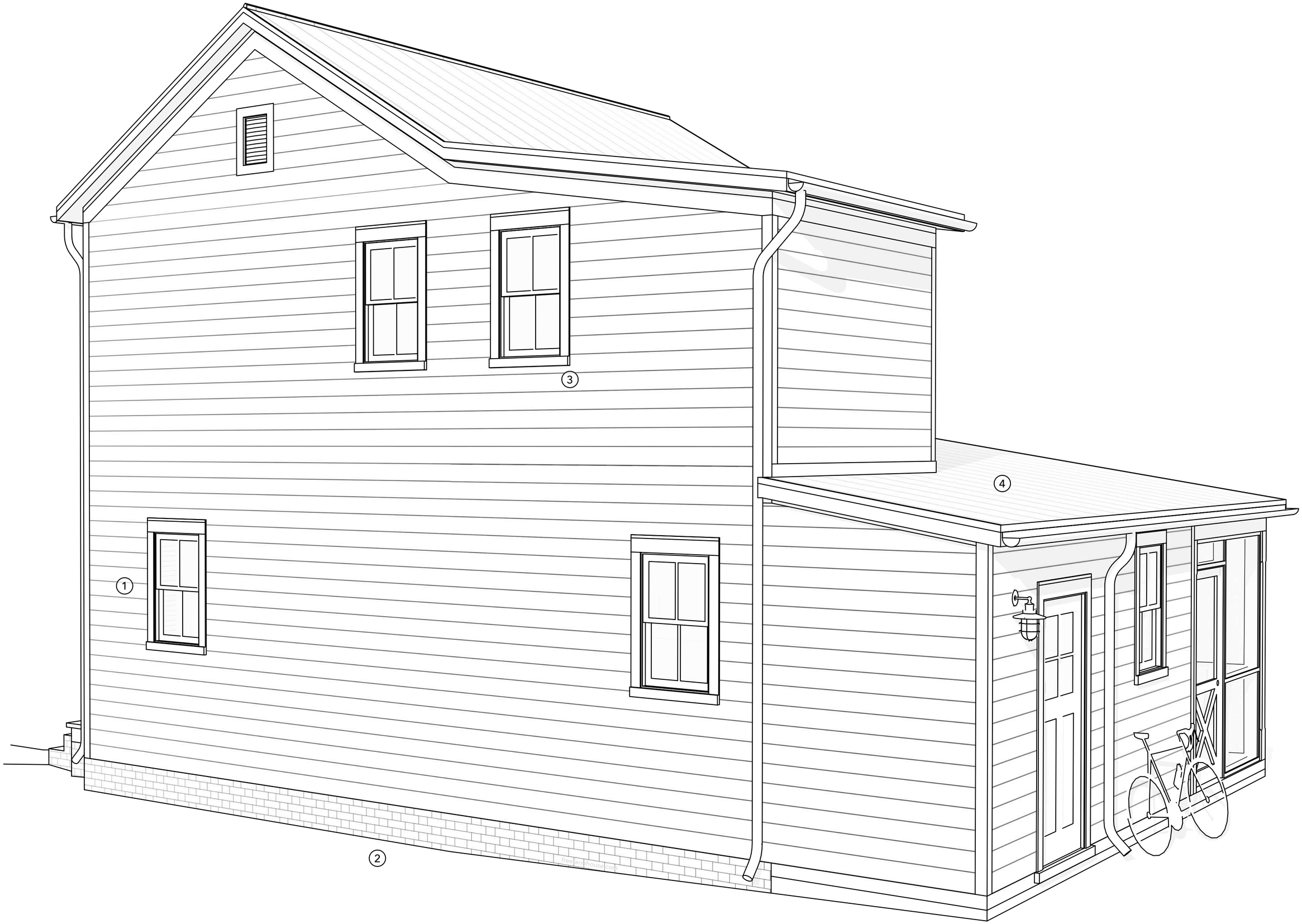
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FRONT OF THE HOUSE

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(1) Marilyn's Farmhouse is unique among the Starter Farmhouse series because it has no front porch. Yet it has a small screened porch at the back, as a private escape for the bedroom. The roofs at the rear allude to how old houses tended to grow backwards over time. So the back can be less formal and less historical.
(2) Operable shutters are functional. If cost is an issue, just omit them. No fakes.

(3) A note of caution– even though this is perhaps the simplest eave imaginable, builders tend to mangle historical details like this by building "pork chop eaves."
(4) The trabeated door surround is much easier to build than a pedimented surround. For very low cost, it's possible to have a simple, timeless entry door.
(5) The stoop is low to the ground (only 3 steps down, to avoid a need for railings).



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BACK OF THE HOUSE

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(1) The side windows could have shutters, but this side of the house can sacrifice some of its elegance since it's necessarily informal. Due to the constraints of the staircase, kitchen, and low-ceilinged rear bedroom, the window placements are harder to control. **(2)** The foundation could be easily converted into a basement. But watch out about raising the house because of the need for railings and stairs.

(3) This bedroom window is too small for an emergency exit (that one is on the other side). Because these are double hung windows, the lower sash needs to be big enough to crawl through. **(4)** At the rear shed roofs, the pitch is fairly low. At 2/12, it's slightly shallower than the historically-common 2.5/12 (or 1/5) and the 3/12 slope more common today. Yet metal roofing can permit shallower slopes.



(1) The front stoop is very efficient and elegant, but if it were raised high enough to require a railing, that would trigger code requirements that could substantially increase the price of making it look historical. **(2)** You can have a basement instead of a conditioned crawlspace. Put the basement stairs directly under the stairs that go upstairs. **(3)** The open living area has many possible arrangements.

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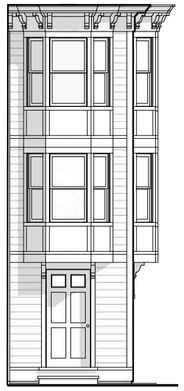
SECTION PERSPECTIVE

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(4) This section of the roof is more vulnerable to ice dams, so that needs to be a major consideration when dealing with the details. **(5)** The ceiling is low at the rear bedroom. **(6)** This door to the back hall will likely stay open most of the day. **(7)** The kitchen needs more daylight, so this door should have a glass opening. **(8)** The mudroom steps down, partly because the roof gets so low at that point.

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