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Wendy A. Jordan : Universal Design for the Home: Great Looking, Great Living Design for All Ages, Abilities, and Circumstances before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Universal Design for the Home: Great Looking, Great Living Design for All Ages, Abilities, and Circumstances:

20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. great inspiration and wonderful ideas By Heidireaderin working with a housing group producing housing for the disabled we purchased this book to work with our architect, and to inspire ourselves, as well. I find this all encompassing, inclusive of nearly all disabilities, and that is encouraging. It is easy to read, well organized and has high production values. The reason for the star off is that nearly everything was produced with very high-end materials, and many in my group have difficulty visualizing more affordable materials

and techniques, so this has limited the utility of the book for us. As I have counseled others to look beyond the marble and granite this and stainless-steel that, we have been able to come up with affordable options. I think this book was remiss in neglecting to recall that many disabled folks are not going to be able to afford the most expensive option. Also there are greener options than are often shown here, but that can be in the next book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Helpful ideas and lots of pictures

By LMY Although the book is somewhat dated, it offers some insight and consideration to home design that makes homes adaptable for disabled people -- not only wheelchair access but other forms of disabilities that require design adjustments for comfort and access are included in this book. Most of the info was oriented toward folks in wheelchairs though -- and I was challenged with a viable solution that would not lower my entire kitchen making back pain and access for everyone else a problem and maintain resale value in the home. We have tall people who aren't in a wheelchair so I was looking for a balance for our needs. This book is a good jumping off point to consider accessible design meets functional design in each type of room in the home - and for that reason I think this book is a must-read if you are going thru a remodel or new construction and need to have accessible rooms and accessible features in rooms. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Interesting ideas

By Carol E Belli liked some of the ideas, but wish there had been more dimensions in some of the drawings, as we are doing preliminary planning it would be helpful to see some rough/approximate dimensions in some of the ideas. Towards the end of the book it began to feel more like an advertisement of products. Also would have liked to see ideas for less extravagant homes,

Universal Design (UD) is coming of age. Once a home design specialty that was little known, of limited interest, and a source of embarrassment more than pride, it is attracting widespread media attention and taking on (as befits its name) almost universal appeal -- and with good reason. The concept emerged years ago out of the need to make homes safe and accessible for the elderly, the handicapped and the very young. Some of the design options were good-looking, but others seemed institutional. Today, there are so many stylish, beautiful, good-sense universal-design options that choosing them has become a "why not?" rather than a "why?" decision. *Universal Design for the Home* features a blend of beautiful projects, creative ideas, and substantive planning information. Highly visual, the book features projects showing room contexts, as well as detail shots. The mix of projects encompasses small and large houses; one-story and multi-story houses; and ideas for general accessibility and comfort as well as some targeted more directly at handicap accessibility. There is an emphasis on remodeled projects, but new homes designed with an eye toward accessibility -- present and future -- are included as well. Chapters cover the spectrum of accessible home planning, from room arrangements to kitchens, baths, entries, and exterior areas. The book displays fresh, inspiring design ideas as well as must-have, good-sense solutions, such as wider doorways. Basic specifications, how-to tips, and other technical content are featured throughout the book in easy-to-find boxes and sidebars.

"Jordan, Wendy A. *Universal Design for the Home: Great-Looking, Great-Living Design for All Ages, Abilities, Circumstances*. Quarry: Quayside. Feb. 2008. c.203p. illus. index. ISBN 978-1-59253-381-7. pap. \$24.99." INTERIOR DESIGN "Universal design" as defined by architect Ron Mace, who coined the phrase, is "the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design." Jordan (*Making Room: Finding Space in Unexpected Places*) shows how a home that is accommodating to all can also have a stylish decor. Some 15 newly built or renovated homes are featured, for which Jordan explains the inhabitants' lifestyles and physical challenges. Color photographs and some before-and-after floor plans show how accessibility standards have been incorporated. A list of resources is provided. Since few books address how to make a home barrier-free without creating an institutionalized look, this book is recommended for all public libraries." --Library Journal, January 2008"

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