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**WOOD HOUSE - Chicago, Illinois, 2013**

**Architects:** Brininstool + Lynch

**Client:** Private

**General Contractor:** Goldberg General Contracting

**Structural Engineers:** Goodfriend Magruder Structure

**Landscape Architects:** Coen + Partners

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## Project Description

Brad Lynch of Chicago-based Brininstool + Lynch convinced his client that a new custom home would suit his needs better than the adapted warehouse he wanted with a tried and true method of architectural persuasion: the napkin sketch.

Lynch used a limited palette of materials in his design for the 7,900-square-foot courtyard house, a design that combines industrial-sized spaces with the refined details of a bespoke home.

Brick façades behind a Cor-Ten fence give way to warm wood-lined interiors, while granite pavers and ground-level glazing connect inhabitants to a landscaped central courtyard.

Upstairs, copper privacy screens admit filtered light while repelling curious eyes. A third-floor guestroom and office open up to a partially planted roof deck with views to the courtyard below and to the surrounding Bucktown neighborhood.



