

The 2014 Residential Architect Design Awards

Wood House, Chicago

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Wood House, designed by Brininstool + Lynch.

Christopher Barrett

Brininstool + Lynch

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. The jury responded to the high degree of craft evident in the Wood House, with juror Joel Sanders citing the virtues of “control, execution, implementation, and detail.” Juror Cary Bernstein agreed, adding that “the execution is really impeccable.”



Internal courtyard.

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