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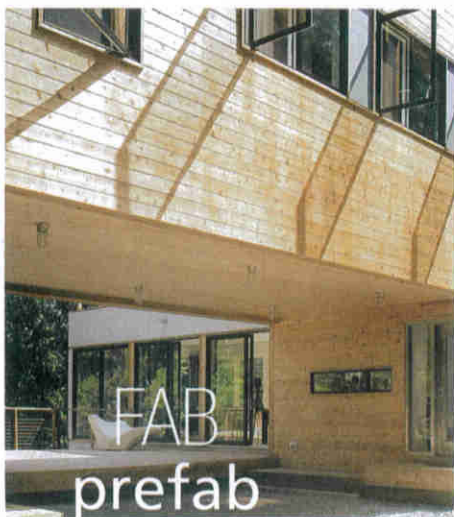


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The prefab—a prefabricated home whose manufactured parts are assembled on-site—is enjoying a newfound status in the design world. High-profile architecture firms are now designing these homes, many of which are eco-friendly as well as cost-friendly (\$150–\$250 a square foot) and stylish. Santa Monica, California-based Living Homes (www.livinghomes.us) manufactures prefab houses designed by well-known architects; the first home in the series (below) is by L.A. architectural icon Ray Kappe, founder of the Southern California Institute of Architecture. Other architects who've gone prefab include Perryville, Montana-based Rocio Romero (www.rociromero.com), who sells cube-shaped, loft-like homes in several sizes, and L.A.-based Jennifer Siegal (www.designmobile.com), who combines a clean, modern aesthetic with easy-on-the-environment materials. Designed by New York-based Resolution: 4 Architecture (www.re4a.com), the “Dwell House” (above) is a modernist structure with plenty of glass and wood. The winner of a 2003 prefab competition held by *Dwell* magazine, it helped kick-start the entire trend.

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