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"Heart of the Home" Kitchen Tour 2009

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What draws people to the Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour benefiting the Yolo County Red Cross? Robin, a resident of Davis who enjoys going on home tours with her mother, Betsy, said, "I nest. I like to decorate, I play with ideas, so I'm always curious. My mother was generous enough to get us tickets. [I like] trash-to-treasure ideas, but obviously this isn't that, this is much, much more high end."

Darlene, from Richmond, California, who was visiting her friend from Woodland, had only gone on one kitchen tour before. Darlene wasn't doing any remodeling herself, but said, "I'm just looking around. I enjoy seeing the unique architecture and the decorating."

This year's kitchen tour was held on Saturday, May 2, and included many Yolo County homes. We're bringing you photos of a home in El Macero, a home on Encina Avenue in Davis and the Rominger house (of Rominger-West Winery) in Winters, known as the Straw House. Enjoy!

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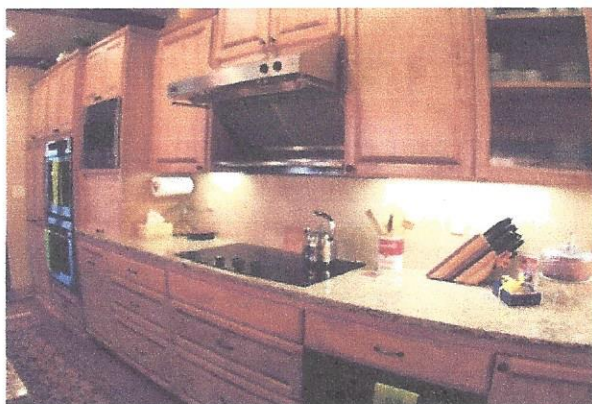
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The interior of the Straw house in Winters.



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Straw House in Winters

You may have heard tell of the "Straw House." While the name may invoke an image similar to that thought of while reading the "Three Little Pigs," the Rominger house on County Road 29 in Winters looks like a normal structure from the outside. It is the inside, or rather, the insulation, that is made up of straw bales which keep the house warm in winter and cool in summer.

The stained cement floors are equipped with radiant heating, which works to heat not only the floor, but the whole house. The heat from the floor is sucked up through vents and is redistributed to warm the rooms. While there is a whole-house fan, there is no air conditioning. The rooms are kept cool as a result of the thick straw insulation.

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The kitchen features an appliance garage that hides small appliances.

The kitchen is modern, but with a very personal feel. Both the refrigerator and the dishwasher have removable wood paneling that matches the red maple windows and cabinets. There is a small wine fridge in the center island and built-in inconspicuously with the cabinets on the back wall, is a warming drawer and what some might call an "appliance garage" that has a sliding door that hides small appliances, such as blenders.

A painting by Bruce's grandmother hangs in the kitchen, adding a very personal touch. Matching the reclaimed Douglas fir beams that support the ceiling, is a 15-foot long, Douglas fir table. It was made by Bruce himself and seats up to 18 people. When asked about the chairs at the table (the head chairs are a cherry color in contrast to the other chairs and the rest of the kitchen), Bruce informed me that "[My wife] started looking [for chairs] on Craig's List and she found somebody in North Sacramento who had some for sale." The chairs were originally painted black, and after going through a process to remove the black, the chairs turned out red. The rest of them were bought new from a furniture store in Woodland. "[It] just gives it a little color," Bruce adds.

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