HOME DESIGN TRENDS 45° INFLUENCED BY OLDER ADULTS



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Top Features:

- Larger, easy-to-grab pulls instead of knobs
- Ranges with controls at the front
- Varied counter heights
- Lever-handle faucets
- Drawer-style appliances, such as dishwashers

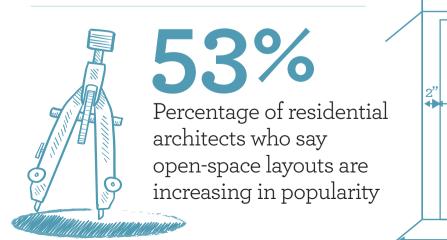


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amount of clear
width through
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accessible homes

Minimum width of hallways

IMPROVED LIGHTING

Well-lit rooms and halls can help prevent falls.



44"-48"

Recommended height for light switches so they're easy to reach from a seated position

Easy upgrades:

\$14-\$75+

Cost of remote controls for lights

\$25-\$140

Cost of motion-controlled light switches



FIRST-FLOOR MASTER SUITES

First-floor bedrooms reduce mobility challenges for seniors and people with disabilities.







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SAFER BATHROOMS

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- Grab bars
- Handheld showerheads
- Benches or fold-down shower seats
- Off-center, easy-to-reach shower controls
- · Non-slip flooring
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Sources: American Institute of Architects, National Association of Homebuilders



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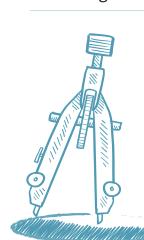
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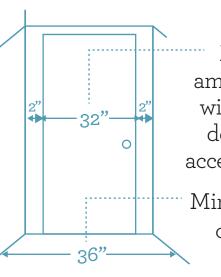
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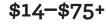
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