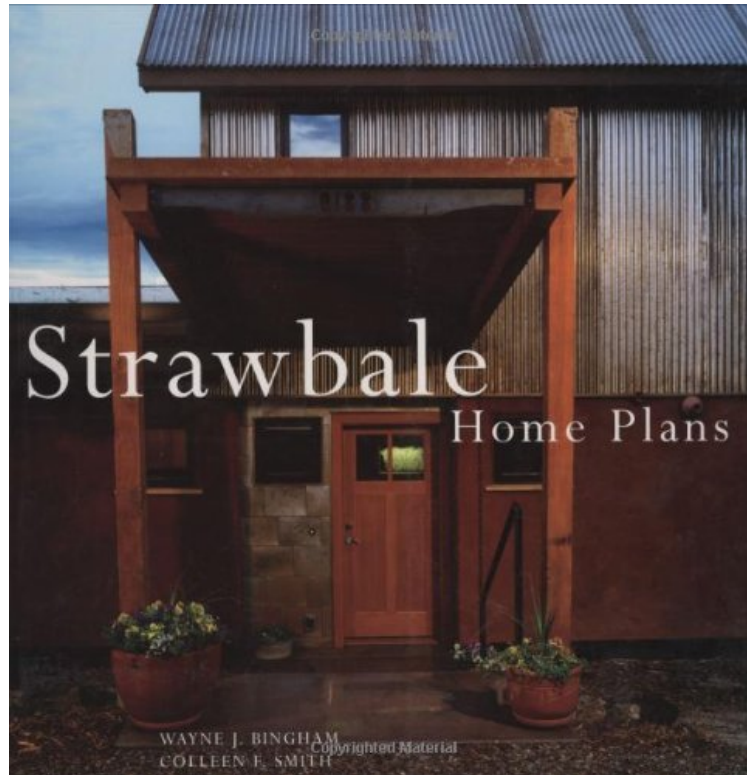


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Wayne Bingham, Colleen Smith : Strawbale Home Plans before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Strawbale Home Plans:

25 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring Strawbale Houses....By Rick in Northern AZI bought this book seeking inspiration, and I was not disappointed. Evident here is the continuing evolvment of strawbale house design and construction. In this book, you can see what can be done with strawbale. Included are comments and suggestions from the owner/builder of each house. For anyone considering building a strawbale structure, these comments would be especially useful. One owner/builder in the desert, for example, says rain gutters should have been installed when the house was first built, not added later on. Photo quality is very nice, and the overall layout and design of the book is quite good. The title of the book is a bit misleading, and I would have liked to see more in the way of actual plans (all you get is a floor plan), but overall this is a nice book, and offers much in the way of ideas.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It is a beautiful, heavy bookBy BookloverI have at one time or another, owned just about all of the strawbale building books. This one counts among my very favorites! It is a beautiful, heavy book, packed with many, many full color, full page photographs that are great inspiration. I love that it tells the stories of the builders/owners and how their houses came to be built and that many of the houses are not million dollar mansions, but just simple, elegant dwellings that many people can relate to. I like that each home has a floor plan included, but also has interior shots, so you can more easily envision the floor plan by seeing a couple of the photos of

the inside. So many times things seem one dimensional when seen from above. There are many houses from the southwest- Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, but also included are homes from Washington state and Nebraska, which I thought was great and proves that this style of building is a viable option almost anywhere. I hands down think this book deserves 10 stars! Love it! 12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Not too shabby By Jason Schultz I got this book because it looked good. And it does look good! There is a lot of beautiful photography in this book, but it isn't really a "plan" book. I was expecting more in the floor-plan and layout department, focusing on passive solar gain, green design ideas, etc. But this book really is photojournalism of various strawbale homes, chronicling different people's stories with alternative housing. I think it was mentioned elsewhere about this book being a cool coffee table book to put on your coffee table inside your strawbale house when you get it done, and that's what I would do with it. :) Pros: Beautiful pictures and some layouts. Cons: No real design ideas, no innovative passive solar focus. Hence, three stars and a not-too-shabby rating. If you want an excellent comprehensive resource on strawbale, check out Ted Owen's Building with Awareness DVD Guidbook.

Strawbale Home Plans Wayne J. Bingham and Colleen Smith Strawbale building experts Wayne J. Bingham and Colleen Smith present 30 unique plans to build a strawbale home, along with stunning photographs that illustrate projects from around the world. A broad range of building types, from small retreats and rural off-the-grid homes to urban houses and commercial buildings are featured. Benefits of strawbale building: It is the healthiest and most energy-saving building option. Results in dramatic reductions on heating and cooling bills. Significantly decreases the risk of allergies from airborne molds, pollens, and toxins. Strawbale houses offer 3 times the fire resistance of conventional construction. Is a green building option, which has been a hot topic in national media.

From the Inside Flap Strawbale homes and buildings are beautiful and personal works of art constructed by hand. The idea of building with strawbale is appealing to many because of its energy efficiency, insulative qualities, and organic nature. But the nitty-gritty of how to build with this alternative material often deters would-be strawbale aficionados. Practical information to guide you on a journey to constructing simply and naturally is hard to come by. But now your search is over. Strawbale Home Plans is an inspiring and diverse collection of strawbale buildings. It features everything from single-level country homes, to cottages and studios, to community buildings. Thirty-one completed projects are highlighted. You will find helpful lessons in the homeowners' descriptions of their experiences with strawbale building as well as in the authors' explorations of the special features of each strawbale structure. Each project includes a plan drawing that provides inspiration for those who want to take their strawbale idea from conception to completion. If you were waiting to start building your strawbale dream home or other alternative structure until you found just the right resource, the time has come to break out the bales and the hand tools. Professional builders and do-it-yourselfers will find tips and tricks from strawbalers-in-the-know in this essential handbook to successful baling with heart and soul. Wayne J. Bingham and Colleen F. Smith, a husband-and-wife team, have been involved since 1998 in strawbale design and building. Their interest is an outgrowth of an exploration of energy efficiency and sustainable building techniques. In the mid-1990s, they attended several American Institute of Architects green-building conferences, where they began to understand the need for finding new ways to build that do not endanger the earth and its resources. Seeking a direction of their own, they went on a natural-building odyssey to the Southwest to evaluate cob, adobe, rammed-earth, earthship, and strawbale buildings. They considered thermal performance, beauty, feel, and construction techniques and concluded that strawbale building held the greatest potential. Wayne and Colleen attended Bill and Athena Steen's Canelo Project strawbale and earthen plaster workshops and developed a love affair with these materials that has not abated. Wayne immediately plastered the concrete-block garden wall in their backyard with earthen plaster. They returned to the Steens in 1999 to spend a year involved with workshops, construction, and collaboration with Bill and Athena on the development and production of *Small Strawbale: Natural Homes, Projects Designs* (2005, Gibbs Smith, Publisher). Avid photographers and travelers, Wayne and Colleen have searched out and documented indigenous buildings in the United States, Greece, Great Britain, and Italy and have developed a large library of images that laid the groundwork for *Strawbale Home Plans*. They took additional trips to explore and further record specific strawbale buildings that now constitute this book. In addition to Wayne's working with owners and builders on natural timber frame strawbale home designs and conducting workshops, the couple has put their experience into building a timber frame strawbale home of their own in Teton Valley, Idaho. About the Author Wayne Bingham has worked as building program director for the state of Utah for ten years and has been in private architectural practice for twenty years. He was instrumental in developing and building the AIA Habitat for Humanity house, and served as chairperson of the AIA Committee on the Environment. His work has been published in *Architectural Digest* and *Popular Science*, among others. Bill is building a straw bale home in Teton Valley, Idaho. Wayne J. Bingham and Colleen Smith, a husband-and-wife team, have been involved in strawbale design and building since 1998. They collaborated with Bill and Athena Steen on the development and production of *Small Strawbale: Natural Homes, Projects Design* (Gibbs Smith, Publisher, 2005).

They live in Salt Lake City and Idaho.