

characterized by board and batten or clapboard sidings, large lanais, deep overhangs and distinctive high-pitched roofs. Sugarcane and pineapple plantations utilized this distinctive design style for laborer homesteads. Homes were simple, functional, flexible and cost effective. This design style has retained a tremendous charm and can be found in its contemporary interpretation today.

Unfortunately, a single successful home will not leave an enduring favorable memory without being placed in the context of a distinctive, regionally established architecture. Just the mention of Cape Cod, Santa Fe or Santa Barbara conjures up romantic images of a vernacular architecture anchored in neighborhoods and scenic landscapes. Our fondest memories in life are places we enjoy visiting or living in that are reminders of a larger context- a neighborhood, a town or a city-including the people we share these memories with. Creating a true sense of place and a real community

completes the dream just as Dickey's plantation style successfully complements the Hawaiian experience.

At its very essence, good Hawaiian-style design is timeless; it shelters the soul, stirs the senses and elevates the spirit. We can encourage family or "ohana" unity with a central gathering place in the form of a great room or multi-living space, including kitchen, dining and living areas. Your Hawaiian-style home can also be a "village" with a unified compound of intimate individual structures housing different functions. This concept of separate pavilions or "pods" is also a Pacific Rim tropical design principle and reflects an Asian influence as well. The compound or village concept breaks down the scale of a larger home and is truly an authentic island solution.

The yearning to create a cohesive community of homes is so overwhelming that most resort properties and exclusive subdivisions establish strict design guidelines to maintain some semblance of aesthetic unity and some level of predetermined quality. Invariably the homes will mirror one another in exterior appearance. The challenge is to offer unity in diversity. Devoting considerable attention towards achieving an appropriate design solution for each and every site is well worth the effort. But why is this so important? Working with the site features can enhance the home greatly. Careful planning allows a homeowner to phase a home over time as budgetary and functional requirements necessitate. Additionally, there is a tremendous opportunity to really personalize your home.

Some key design considerations include establishing a strong connection with the site itself by blending the indoor-outdoor relationship. Expand the sense of interior space by orienting living spaces and lanais to distant views. Tasteful selections of interior materials and finishes should be considered. Large pocket

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