

## PreFab Green

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**Michelle Kaufmann, Cathy Remick : PreFab Green** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised PreFab Green:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A brilliant progression of a wonderful concept.By Michael WardThere are tens of prefab building companies in Australia. I would venture to say perhaps more than any where else on the planet. However sustainability, environmental considerations and well considered design are terms that for the most part do not enter the manufacturers lexicon. Michelle Kaufmann takes the reader into the design process and develops a concept. All considered anyone who is interested in the future of housing should read this book, it's a must...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice female architect success storyBy BizouNice female architect success story, very convincing and great details and explanations. Bought a second one for a friend although I was done with mine....very smart architecture and surely very green!....Many pictures too on each houses. I keep going back to it and wish to own one of these houses!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Informative and full of illustrationsBy EspaviaI enjoyed this book very much. It's beautiful to look at and full of illustrations. Much useful information and pros and cons of different building materials. It explains the difference between Kit Homes, Modular, Panelized, etc.Also water conservation, lighting...its got it all.

IN PREFAB GREEN, architect Michelle Kaufmann shares her vision of creating thoughtful, sustainable design for everyone. Her firm, Michelle Kaufmann Designs, blends sustainable home layouts, eco-friendly materials, and low-energy options to create a "prepackaged" green solution to home design. Kaufmann tells about five eco-principles that are present in every design her firm creates-smart design, eco-materials, energy efficiency, water conservation, and healthy environment-and how each work together to create homes that make a difference. Michelle Kaufmann founded Michelle Kaufmann Designs in 2002. Michelle's work is widely published and her homes have been showcased in a

number of museums including the National Building Museum, the Vancouver Art Center, MOCA in Los Angeles, and Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. Michelle lives in Marin County, California. Cathy Remick has worked as a staff architect and designer for several national firms in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. She is a design manager for mkStudios. She lives in Orinda, California.

From the Inside Flap Prefabricated housing, an all-purpose term that is used to describe any home that is built partly off-site, is enjoying a revival, thanks to a handful of innovative architects and hip shelter magazines. In its new incarnation, prefab is catching the eye of design-conscious consumers who appreciate its style and efficiency. Now, "built in a factory" means lower cost and higher-quality building components than many site-built homes. Most importantly, prefab and sustainability are a great match. Green prefab offers a more efficient way of building a home. People want homes that are affordable, enduring, healthy, and now more than ever environmentally sound. In Prefab Green, architect Michelle Kaufmann shares her vision of creating thoughtful sustainable design for everyone. Her firm, Michelle Kaufmann Designs, blends sustainable home layouts, eco-friendly materials, and low-energy options to create a "prepackaged" green solution to home design. Kaufmann tells about five eco-principles that are present in every design her firm creates—smart design, eco-materials, energy efficiency, water conservation, and healthy environment—and how they work together to create homes that make a difference. Kaufmann is part of a new generation of architects who are modernizing modular. They are taking the old idea of prefabrication and reshaping it to accommodate modern lifestyles and varying climates as well as a commitment to the environment. Even the small changes we make in our daily lives—as well as the large decisions we make about the kinds of homes we want to live in—can create transformations that will benefit for generations to come. After receiving her master's degree from Princeton University, Michelle Kaufmann worked for renowned architects Frank Gehry and Michael Graves. In 2002, she founded Michelle Kaufmann Designs. Michelle's work is widely published and her homes have been showcased in a number of museums, including the National Building Museum, the Vancouver Art Center, MOCA in Los Angeles, and Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. Michelle lives in Marin County, California. Cathy Remick is a designer with experience in architecture, graphics, and fine arts painting. She holds a master's degree in architecture and has worked as a staff architect and designer for several national firms in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. She is a design manager for mkStudios. She lives in Orinda, California, with her husband and daughter. Jacket designed by The Book Designers Front and back cover photos 2009 John Swain Kaufmann author photo by Cutter Cutshaw Remick author photo by Terry Riggins About the Author After receiving her master's degree from Princeton University, Michelle Kaufmann had the opportunity to work for renowned architects Frank Gehry and Michael Graves. Cathy Remick is a designer with experience in architecture, graphics, and fine arts painting. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Unable to find an affordable, well-designed, sustainable home, we decided to create our own. We purchased a narrow lot in a semirural city in Marin County, California, and began to plan for an efficient green dwelling with a thoughtful connection to the outdoors.