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Good things come in small packages, and this 1,600-square-foot home is no exception. It has graced the pages of numerous architectural books, hailed for its design by Taal Safdie and Ricardo Rabinovitch, who just happen to be the homeowners' neighbors. "They knew us, they knew how we entertained, and they just designed it," owner Jill Schmidt says. Nestled among dense eucalyptus and built into a canyon, the house is just the right fit for her, husband John Lomac, and their 14-year-old macaw, Mookie. Design features include wall-to-wall pocket doors and clerestory windows that let in tons of light, and the deck system makes the space feel bigger than it is. But the owners would tell you, "Sometimes small is nice."

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