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During the modern cabin case-studies I came across some interesting architectural features. Many of the designs were unusual and different from traditional cabins, some more than others. I saw a lot of different angles and interesting shapes used. I found a few take-aways during this study, one of which is how many different types of cabins that fit under the “Modern” umbrella. This made me realize that there are so many ways to be creative with the project. I also realized how important nature and location is to the success of cabin life. I also enjoyed the pops of color in a lot of the cabins, specifically on the exterior doors and some of the window trim. The last feature that stuck out to me is the use of wood on walls, cabinets, ceilings and more. I feel this is a very traditional cabin design feature. However, I think it is necessary to use some of these materials because it evokes the feeling that you are in a cabin. It would have been nice to see more inside views of the cabins. When I did my own research, I focused on the interior design of the cabins since I did not see much in the three links provided.

The first cabin I chose is surrounded by beautiful foliage and it displays many large windows, showcasing the outdoors from the inside. The symbolic meaning of this is the importance of nature when it comes to the experience of a cabin. You can’t just place a cabin style house anywhere and expect to have the same experience. It must be surrounded by and immersed in nature. The second cabin I chose has three, large, ceiling to floor windows in the living room. This brings the outside in, again focusing on the nature that surrounds the building. The third cabin I chose has a unique window wall in the studio allowing the user to be completely emersed in the outdoors while creating beautiful landscape photography. If this space is being used as a home office, the window wall can provide an escape while working on tedious tasks.

All of the cabins which inspired me focus on nature and the emphasis it has on the success of cabin life. I feel this is important because it acts as an escape from normal, day to day life as well as being inspiring to creativity. I was also inspired by the pops of color and will be utilizing this technique. Lastly, I mentioned using wood as a material feature on walls, cabinets and ceilings. I may not use it for all of those surface areas; however, I will be sure to use wood frequently in my design. Please continue reading to see the concept statement for this project. Greenery is everywhere, no matter where you look in this eclectic cabin, making you feel captivated and emersed in nature. The scent of fresh air and space from the busy city surrounds you. A touch of traditional cabin wood features mixed with pops of green and orange speak to your senses. Mid-century modern design features and furniture surround you. This is your perfect escape.

For this Palms Springs, CA cabin project we will be assisting a mid-fifties male Museum Director in create the getaway space which he has always envisioned. The cabin will be a multifunctional space, used for play, work and entertaining guests. It is important for him to have an open floor plan suitable for cocktail party, sort of events. He also emphasized his partner

and his love for landscape photography, therefore it is important to provide a beautiful studio space for them to be creative. This space will also work as a home office. The second-floor clerestory will be the perfect environment for their two pet parakeets to inhabit.

The second-floor deck will have an outdoor kitchen suitable for entertaining and the clerestory space leading out to the deck will have space for relaxing. The main bedroom and bath will be on the second floor and the guest bedroom and bath will be on the first floor. The utilities will be in the guest bath, or near there and the laundry will be in the main bath. There will be space for storage options on the first floor.

- Size: 2,000 sqft, plenty space for all the features requested
- Circulation Pattern: Entrance to be the east side of the building, that way the deck is a main feature of the home from the front view.
- Features & Focal Points: Second floor clerestory, second floor outside deck, will be adding wall of windows on first floor west wall, will be adding wall of windows on second floor clerestory room north and south walls
- Zoning & Orientation: There will be windows on all four sides of the cabin since there are only windows in the clerestory as is
- Functional Efficiencies: Kitchen and both bathrooms will share a plumbing wall
- Positives: Open floor plan to be creative with, beautiful clerestory and deck features
- Negatives: No existing windows other than the clerestory, will have to add all windows

