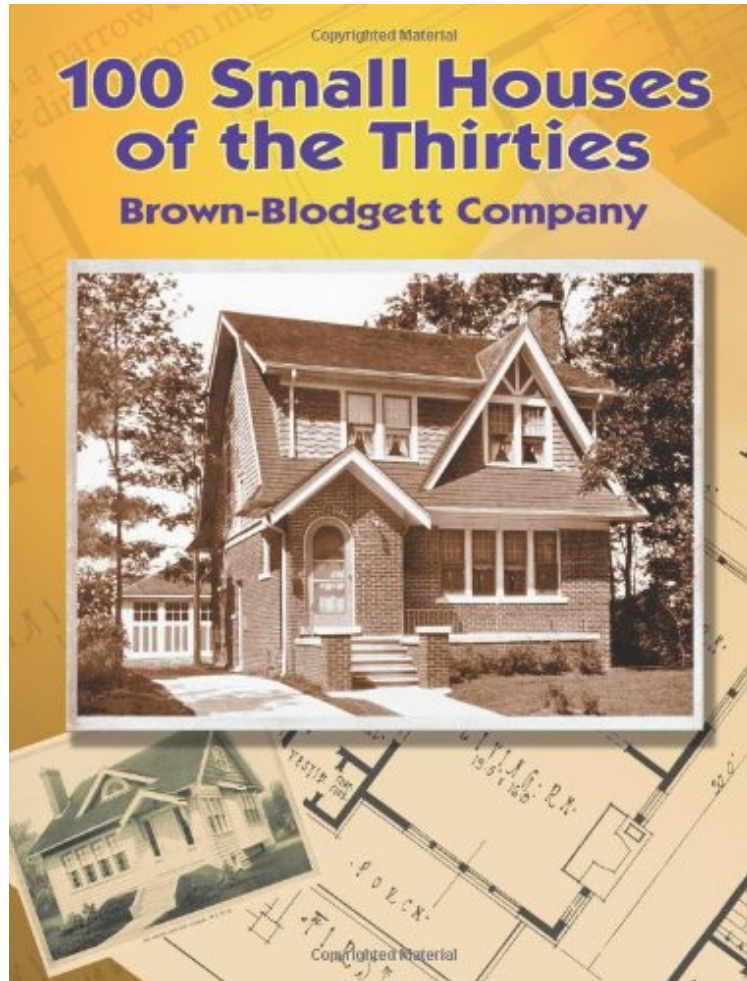


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**Brown-Blodgett Company : 100 Small Houses of the Thirties (Dover Architecture)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 100 Small Houses of the Thirties (Dover Architecture):

16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Another nice reprint from DoverBy Rosemary ThorntonBased in the St. Paul/Minnesota area, Brown-Blodgett Company started as a home-construction service and eventually expanded into house plans, and the result is this 101-page book. First, the good news: The pictures and text in this book are nice and clear and even the wee tiny numbers showing individual room dimensions are legible.The downside is, there are only two pages of front matter (titled, "The First Home You Build" [p. 1] and "Good Plans Will Save You Money" [p. 2]) and there is only one page of back matter ("How Much To Pay For a Home"). I always love reading these extra pages, because you can learn so much about the day-to-day business of building a home of your own in the early years of the 1900s.The curious thing is, the title, "Small Houses of the 1930s". These are not what I'd categorize

as "small homes." Of the nearly 200 homes pictured in this book, the great majority are spacious two-story English Tudors, Dutch Colonials, Colonial Revivals, Cape Cods and even an International Style home. While there are some small bungalows shown here, I'd say the great majority of spacious homes, typical of what you'd find in the upper-income executive neighborhoods of the 1920s and 1930s. On average, most of the homes in this book are 1600 - 2000 square feet. By 1930s standards, that's not a small home. Like so many of these reprinted 1920s/30s architectural catalogs, this one is a lot of fun to just sit and browse. And the price is right. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. and they are a great decorator touch in the guest bath. By Uncle Gar. Have framed several pages as small pictures, and they are a great decorator touch in the guest bath! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nice book, but missing some info it should have? By molly56A. Just be warned that many do not have second floor diagrams even though they have second floors!

Brown-Blodgett Company, a St. Paul, Minnesota-based home construction service, published a detailed plan book to help prospective homeowners of the 1930s choose architectural designs. This complete republication of the now-rare volume includes exterior photographs and floor plans for 100 of these charming structures. Floor plans, photographs, and line illustrations depict such classics as a two-story, six-room frame home with sun porch; a handsome brick residence with low sweeping gables, a fireplace, and vestibule; and a charming seven-room house with a tall, massive chimney balanced by a gabled entrance. Illustrations of each model are accompanied by text describing interiors, color schemes, closet space, and other amenities. An entertaining and valuable reference for restorers of older homes, this volume will delight devotees of American domestic architecture.