



This compact retreat is a specifically budget-conscious project that competes with the prefabricated market arising for remote Texas ranches, where labor and location are hard to organize and manage. The home has two bedrooms and two full baths as well as two loft bedrooms for children and visiting families.

Two wet-season creeks gently crisscross in front of the 400-square-foot main porch. Designed to capture prevailing breezes, the single-room-wide retreat also has covered porches with ample windows on both sides. The maintenance-free palette of materials ranges from galvanized, corrugated siding and roofing to commercial aluminum windows and doors, with selective bookends of natural limestone to ground the home at its corners.

## BRONZE

**SINGLE-FAMILY  
PRODUCTION,  
2,000 SF OR BELOW**

### BURNING CREEK RETREAT

San Marcos, Texas

**ENTRANT:** Craig McMahon  
Architects (architect)

**BUILDER:**

Half Inch of Water Studios

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Dror Baldinger  
Photography

**SIZE:** 1,500 sf

**HARD COST (EXCLUDING**

**LAND):** \$115/sf

**SALES PRICE:** \$450,000

**COMPLETION:** March 2014



Targeting empty nesters, the Chesapeake plan in Foxtail Square is a single-level home inspired by East Coast seaside design. The goal of the exterior was to deliver curb appeal while preventing a three-car garage from dominating. The entry features 17-foot ceilings, with light spilling in from a gable window above the front door.

In the living spaces, ceiling beams and a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace give spacious scale. Bedrooms and baths are closed off by a barn door, facilitating privacy for multi-gen living. The master suite is set away from other bedrooms to enable additional privacy, with a laundry room that connects to the master closet and has additional access from the back mudroom hall. The office, tucked off the back hallway, features a closet to open up flex-room possibilities. The home has a HERS score of 56.

## BRONZE

**SINGLE-FAMILY  
PRODUCTION, BETWEEN  
2,001 – 3,100 SF**

### THE CHESAPEAKE AT FOXTAIL SQUARE

Eagle, Idaho

**ENTRANT:** Tresidio Homes  
(builder, architect)

**DEVELOPER:** M3 Cos.

**PHOTOGRAPHER:**

Kevin Wood Boise RE Photo

**SIZE:** 2,779 sf

**SALES PRICE:** \$379,000

**HARD COST (EXCLUDING**

**LAND):** \$76.26/sf