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# THE GREEN ISSUE





Second-floor windows peer out onto a landscaped area rather than a bare roof.

## Rooftop gem

During the design and planning of Dr. Stan McKenzie's home, architect and builder Bil Taylor of Taylor Design + Build noticed the bare roof of the home would be quite visible to

both those coming down the driveway toward the house and the surrounding neighbors farther uphill. "The second-floor bedrooms look out over the lower-level roofing as well, so for the homeowner, an accessible roof garden was an enjoyable idea," Taylor recalls. This got the ball rolling on one of Tucson's only landscaped roof gardens. Aware of the benefits of a green roof—and presented with a perfect opportunity to beautify something often overlooked in the building process—Taylor worked

with a team that included Progressive Roofing, associate architect Chris Evans, and landscape architect Phred Bartholomaei of Blue Mesa Studios to create a landscaped, insulated green roof for his client.

The benefits of this kind of roof range from run-off mitigation and self shading for better cooling and heating in the home to the obvious aesthetic enhancement. "The delight of the desert plants at almost eye level from the bedroom and the stairwell," Taylor explains, speaks to the ideal of "enhancing the functionality of our buildings and increasing our fit to our environment, without losing sight of beauty."

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