

LAVISH, QUIRKY, CUTE. 2011 Tour of Homes

Annual showcase of new houses returns July 23-31 with diverse range of architecture, settings and values.

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“If the tour had a prize for avant-garde homebuilder, it likely would go to youthful Jordan Iverson. He’s back on the circuit this year with two creative works of geometry, a townhouse in downtown Eugene and a new home in southwest Eugene that fuses “mid-century modern and urban cosmopolitan” designs.

His boxy cosmo house at 2421 McLean Boulevard actually has an aluminum garage door worked into the great room, which also has 23-foot ceilings, designer TV surround and art niches. Other surprises here include “fire station” glass, open-flame bioethanol fireplaces and “see-through” backsplashes — that is, custom windows placed between the kitchen’s concrete countertops and cabinets outdoor views.”