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The rhythm and natural texture of the kitchen space seems to extend into the forest beyond.

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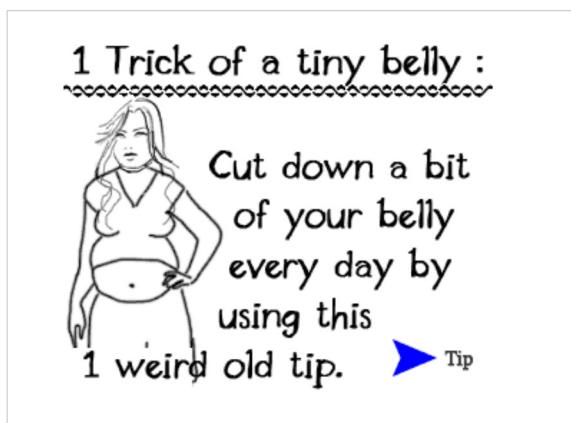
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Biltmore Forest – Nestled in Biltmore Forest on the outskirts of Asheville, Chauncey Knoll exemplifies a balance of sustainable elements, craftsmanship and a compact, efficient layout. While the home possesses a more conservative exterior, the interior appears comfortably modern, with clean lines and appealing textures.

The home maintains a strong but simple composition along the street, one of the primary goals for the design. It becomes embedded in the wooded site and incorporates a natural color scheme. "It was never intended to be audacious, but subtle in the way it was positioned in the landscape," says Rob Carlton, the architect.

The home features indigenous materials, including poplar, cypress, white oak, yellow pine, Virginia fieldstone and Tennessee crab orchard sandstone. Local artisans crafted cabinetry and cast concrete surrounds for the double-sided hearth that is the centerpiece of the home's main living spaces. The owner and architect recognize the functionality of the compact and efficient layout as one of its most notable features.



Features such as low-flow showerheads and toilets, as well as faucet aerators, which break water flow into fine droplets, use less water. The faucet aerators also reduce splashing while washing hands and dishes.

Chauncey Knoll has Energy Star Certification and is enrolled in the N.C. GreenPower program.

Ultimately, Chauncey Knoll provides a glimpse of integrated design that Carlton calls "warm modernism." This sophisticated design avoids the stereotypical harshness associated with modern homes, juxtaposing crisp, bold geometry and comfortable, natural elements.

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