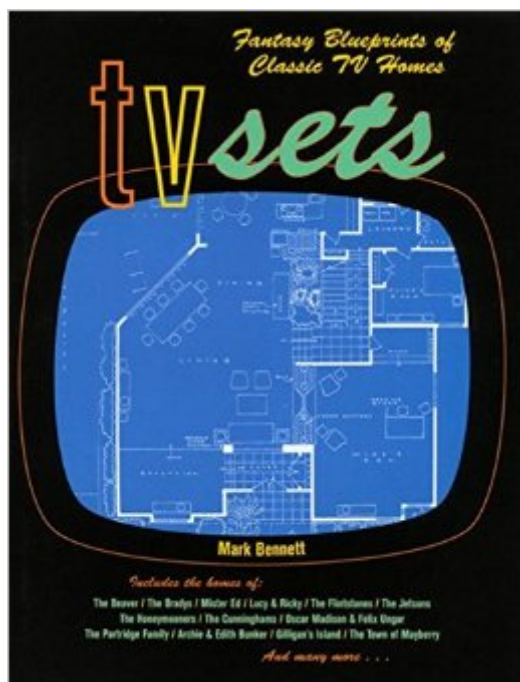


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# TV Sets: Fantasy Blueprints Of Classic TV Homes



## Synopsis

Author and artist Mark Bennett compiles his entertaining collection of blueprints extrapolated from the storylines and sets of the 1950s to 1980s television sitcom homes millions of Americans grew up with. An extraordinary work of imagination, these blueprints of TV homes that are as familiar to us as our neighbor's den and backyard give us a fascinating "real life" view that the camera angles never offered. From Ward and June Cleaver's house to Rob and Laura Petrie's apartment to Mary Richards's Minneapolis bachelorette apartment to the Jetson's "house" in the clouds, each home is lovingly recreated with painstaking precision in the fine blue lines of architectural blueprints.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is awesome! It isn't perfect, but who cares? What a blast from a carefree past. Personally, I think that the guy did an amazing job considering that the sets changed over the years and that he did many of the blueprints years ago...without the aid of a VCR. Realistic dimensions? Yeah, whatever. I wasn't planning on building these places from these diagrams. Also, who says that the sets had realistic dimensions? I picked the book up on a clearance rack for \$2, but, after viewing it, I think it's worth the full price. I can't tell you the memories this thing brought back. This is a killer present for your Baby Boomer friends who were TV addicts as tykes.

I think it is important to keep in mind the word FANTASY while enjoying this book. Mr. Bennett makes no claims to be a professional draftsman or architect. These are just his interpretations of

interiors from TV shows; most of which never existed as complete structures, but rather as a group of sets on a soundstage. They were all done from simply watching the shows on TV. It's a fun and lighthearted book that will entertain anyone who spent numerous hours in front of the TV while growing up.

This is a fun book. Don't be turned off by the negative comments. The author never pretends to be an architect. That said, the book has one huge flaw, which I'm surprised no one has mentioned. The publisher shrank Mr. Bennett's drawings to print them in book form. The problem is that the publisher also shrank the scale that Mr. Bennett carefully put on each floor plan, so the published version of the scale is useless. For example, consider the floor plan of Jed Clampett's Beverley Hills mansion. According to Mr. Bennett's drawing, the scale is  $1/8" = 1'0"$ . If you measure the width of the mansion in the floor plan as printed in the book, it's 4 and 1/2 inches, implying that the width of the building is 36 feet. That's impossible -- it's a huge mansion. If Mr. Bennett ever puts out a second edition, the publisher should fix this flaw.

I'm addicted to the computer game series, SIMS 3, and I bought this book with the idea of reproducing the homes of my favorite TV shows in my SIMS game. Mr Bennett's book will serve admirably for that purpose, but it's also a very enjoyable read in its own right. The blueprints are quite amazing, and I've found that I keep the book on my coffee table so that I can look at the pages while watching these wonderful old classic shows. Mark Bennett has added a whole new level of enjoyment to vintage television, and I thank him for that.

This is the BEST BOOK EVER! The blueprints are detailed down to rugs, lamps, electronics, etc... 131 pages of pure flashbacks!!! This book is in perfect condition!! Received it days before it was supposed to arrive. I love it!

This book is on a subject near and dear to my heart, namely, classic TV homes. I always thought that if you had the money, it might be fun to build a Brady house, or a Bewitched love-nest. Or maybe even combine some classic TV architecture from several DIFFERENT shows into one house! A Dick Van Dyke sunken living room with a Bewitched kitchen and a Brady dining room! This book is not all that accurate, as other reviewers have stated, but if you're a fan and want a general idea of what the TV homes looked like, and want a few ideas for your own house-building project, this book isn't a bad start. And hey, it's FUN! Still, a revised edition with better measurements and so

on would be much better.

I purchased for fun to see what the sets looked like. I found mistakes - i.e. The Stones' house is not how it's drawn in this book. This is not an "official" book, as I had thought. I'd really like to give 2 1/2 stars.

While you can't exactly submit these plans to obtain a building permit, this book is great fun for those of us who enjoy looking at the sets as much as we enjoy watching the actors on our favorite shows. Many of the floor plans answer the burning question: to where does that hallway/staircase/doorway lead? The author's sincere enthusiasm makes the descriptive text fun to read. I've had this book for years and still flip through it when I catch a rerun on TV Land - I never get tired of looking around the Brady's house! Be sure to check the table of contents (use 's "search inside" feature) to make sure the shows you love are covered. These are mostly old shows, many b&w. I hope the author will consider a sequel covering some of the more modern shows with intriguing sets!

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