House Na
Sou Fujimoto

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Born in Hokkaido in 1971
He graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1994
Established his own office in 2000

Location: Tokyo, Japan
Site Area: 592 square-feet
Project Area: 914 square-feet
Project Year: October 2010

Designed for a working couple in their forties
*Japanese tradition*

“I am very interested in traditional Japanese architecture, not as an image, but in the basic concept of space. The traditional Japanese architecture has not a strong wall, but many thin walls or layers to control distance from inside and outside, to protect or to open.”
environmental awareness

Green usage

strategically placed fenestration

natural ventilation
“I have been thinking about the architecture of the future as an artificial forest, and I mean literally a forest. I think the forest is very interesting because many different things exist together, in a complex order, and create a certain harmony [...]. Architecture should accept the diverse activities of a city.”
like leaves of a *tree*

filtering

lighting

shading
thin steel frame

in-floor heating

Strategically placed glass panes

private rooms at the northern part
Video description of the house

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbkpqWLsAxs
21 individual floor plates

different heights

3 basic floors

plate ranging in size 18-21 s.f.
“a unity of separation and coherence”

range of activities at different scales

fixed and movable steps
Floor plates at a furniture-like scale can provide:

- Circulation
- Seating areas
- Working areas

Various activities at different levels
loosely defined program
no specifically defined function
Japanese custom of sitting and sleeping on the floor
transforming floor plates to working and seating areas
limits

verticality

the house fully the site

50 cm less than the adjacent building

no front yard-garden
Large oversized glass windows, allowing light to pour into the home.
protection of privacy inside and outside

use of curtains
*Visual contact*

transparency and visual continuity

visibility from the outside to inside of the house

communication between the residents
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House study IV
Thank you