

Building a home in the desert—a real challenge



Especially if you want to blend the home into the topography and minimize any disturbance of land and plants. Desert Don has built several homes in the Ajo area of the Sonora desert.

With the owners' involvement, Desert Don has been able to build dwellings with environmental sensitivity. Some of Desert Don's projects have included solar photovoltaic applications, landscape contoured interior floors, and practical and environmental methods to using gray water and its disposal.

Depending on the owner's desire, Don built several homes in the contour of the land/hillside they were on. Some owners wanted to use solar power. Roofing/shade was an important part of design. Don liked to use recycled timber, if available. Storing potable water and managing gray water was another important design function. Harmony/topography/location were the key themes of Don's building scheme. Below are some photos of his work



