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Pushing the boundaries of green design

Finnish architect

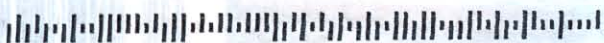
Alvar Aalto's little-known Oregon library



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A scenic view of a valley with a large evergreen tree in the foreground and a city in the distance. The sky is a soft, hazy blue. The foreground is filled with golden grass and several tall evergreen trees. In the middle ground, a city is visible, with a prominent tower or spire. The background shows rolling hills and more trees under a clear sky.

THREE FOR THREE

Few buildings in the world can boast compliance with all three of the most rigorous codes of green design, and yet this Willamette Valley house does just that, with the utmost style.

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The Karuna House is perched on Parrett Mountain in the Willamette Valley, affording panoramic views of Oregon wine country and, on a clear day, snow-capped Mount Hood.



The master bedroom includes yellow Feltri chairs by Gaetano Pesce for Cassina over a rug from Christiane Millinger Oriental Rugs & Textiles. The adjoining open master bathroom features a tub from Victoria + Albert.



Lemelson's colorful interiors enliven the clean-lined, minimalist architecture. But the most memorable moment is the glass-enclosed rooftop pavilion, where the homeowner can practice yoga or stargaze while protected from the elements. Glass doors retract all the way back, creating a hybrid of indoor and outdoor space. "There's supposed to be meteor showers tonight," Lemelson says, "so I'm going to be up there."

Although Lemelson enjoys living in such a quiet, light-filled home, the environmental lawyer is more excited about the structure's potential effect on the future of residential architecture. "If we're going to be around on this

planet in 100 years, we're going to have to share resources better and treat the atmosphere like it's something we care about."

After becoming the first homeowner to pursue three stringent green rating systems at once—despite the added cost and complication involved—Lemelson has no regrets. "I wanted to see what would happen if you made energy efficiency the top priority, with design up there somewhere, too; what lessons there would be. I learned it's about having the design suited to place. What you do in Oregon you wouldn't do in Miami or Bangkok. But that's what makes it cool. You do these projects, you learn about where you are." ❄



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1. Art Deco Tile, price upon request at Bultman Ceramics, Seattle, bultmanceramics.com. **2. Amiata Tub** by Victoria + Albert, \$4,477 at Ferguson, Seattle, ferguson.com. **3. Circlet Single Sconce**, \$725 at Grain, Seattle, graindesign.com. **4. Landfair Handle** by DXV, from \$180 at the Fixture Gallery, multiple locations, thefixturegallery.com. **5. Professional French-Door Double Oven** by Viking, \$7,399 at Standard TV & Appliance, multiple locations, standardtvandappliance.com. **6. Fluted Apron Front Kitchen Sink** by Rohl, from \$3,658 at Seattle Interiors, Seattle, seattleinteriors.com. **7. Cafeteria Trays**, from \$24 at Schoolhouse Electric & Supply Co., Portland, schoolhouseelectric.com. **8. Cyprus Collection Tara kitchen faucet** in 18-karat rose gold by Dornbracht, price upon request at SieMatic, Seattle, siematic-seattle.com. **9. W Series Induction Table** by La Cornue, price upon request, lacornueusa.com for Northwest showroom locations. ✱

