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## A Home Bigger Than A Breadbox? Just Barely

**W**hen it comes to downsizing, not many people do it better than Andy Lee. The 59-year-old co-founder of the Tiny House Company in Buena Vista, Va., designs homes as small as 300 square feet. ■ Lee's designs are a nod to the small-house movement, a growing segment in the housing industry that flies in the face of the McMansion trend, which Lee finds wasteful. ■ "I went in one [house] at 9,000 square feet and wanted to cry," says Lee, who now lives in a 350-square-foot home in Lexington, Va. ■ Most small-house builders believe tiny homes help to conserve energy and land, which is why Gregory Paul Johnson bought one. The director of the Small House Society has a 140-square-foot home in Iowa City, Iowa. "It's easy to live in. Especially if you want to reduce clutter and living expenses," says Johnson, 43. ■ Small houses can run from \$100 to \$200 per square foot and are usually equipped with a bathroom-shower area and mini-kitchen. Their appeal for older adults? Less work and less money. For more, go to [www.resourcesforlife.com/groups/smallhousesociety](http://www.resourcesforlife.com/groups/smallhousesociety). —Angela Bryant Starke