



The Eco Playhouse



Going green! The Eco Playhouse is a true haven for children to enjoy and celebrate nature. This eco-friendly playhouse was created to reiterate the gift of nature, the influence of nature and how nature impacts a child's development. The interior celebrates the inspiration of nature in one's living environment, showcasing 100 year old reclaimed Heart Pine floors, sustainably forested wood wall cladding, natural twig details, "green" PaperStone countertops, naturally based finishes, and furnishings that are organic and environmentally friendly. With a focus on bringing outside elements into the indoors, this playhouse features a lab table for studying nature samples under the microscope and a place to collect elements of nature. Naturally inspired furnishings include sustainably forested wicker child's chairs, natural cork stools in the desk area, specially appointed dioramas to house nature studies, antique collecting jars and a jute ladder to access the sleeping loft, complete with an organic futon and throw pillows.

The exterior incorporates natural elements such as bark shingles, twig supportive brackets, a sustainably forested wood front porch and an amazing metal roof with detailed cupola. Taking a mindful approach to stewardship of resources, reclaimed wood barrels are repurposed for rainwater collection and all power in this eco-friendly playhouse is harvested from the sun. The solar panel system powers lighting and a fan, with a battery for lighting at night.

"We wanted to create an inspirational model that would encourage children to realize the importance of the connection to nature, that nature inspires, educates and is such a beautiful source of enjoyment...a real gift," said Jeff Dinkle, president of Eco Custom Homes. "Every detail of this playhouse has been carefully researched and reviewed for how it will benefit individual to global environments. We are a socially responsible group of businesses that welcome the opportunity to encourage, educate and inspire others to consider what "green" or "eco-friendly" means and we are delighted to be able to do this through supporting HomeAid Atlanta's Project Playhouse®."

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