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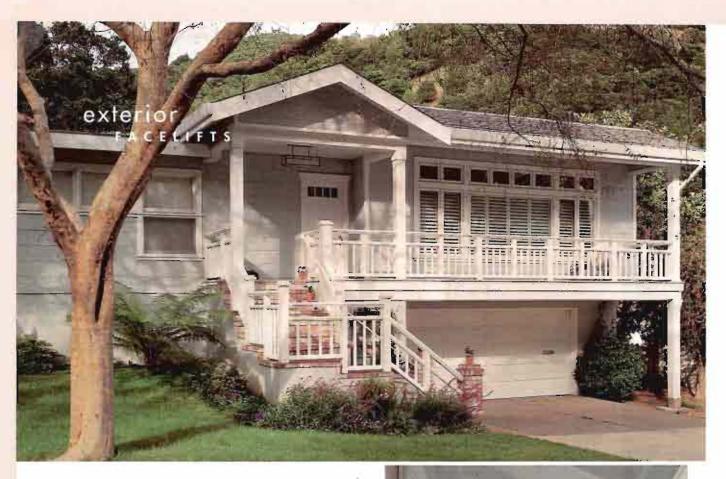
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## Welcome Home

Sunni Epstein had a feeling she was moving into an ugly house when she bought this late-1950s ranch (with basement garage) in San Rafael, California. Architect Carolyn Walker Davis—who lives directly across the street—couldn't have agreed more. So Davis remodeled the home's facade to convey a warmer welcome. The biggest change: lowering the looming roof overhang to create more comfortably scaled lines. Davis also defined the entry with a gabled portico and replaced windows over the garage with prettier, transom-topped units. Stair and porch railings complement the windows' lines, and a crisp gray-and-white paint scheme covers the brown.

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A soaring, trapezoidal roof overhang and a cantilevered balcony (left) gave way to a lower, friendlier roofline and a larger, yet cozy, front porch (above and right).

