



GREEN RETREATS

Secluded cabin, beach retreat, art studio, guest house: It all starts with a square.

"Cottage in a Day is the next generation of factory-built, energy-efficient green homes," explained Andrew Craven, owner and president of the Traverse City-based company. "A simple 14-foot by 14-foot square provides the basis of a system that can be supplemented with additional modules to create a variety of floor plans and uses."

Designed and constructed in a climate-controlled facility, these prefabricated modules are made from structural insulated panels and meet or exceed Energy Star requirements, the National Home Builder's Association measure for green construction, Craven said, as well as residential LEED standards.

While exterior features include low-maintenance cement board siding, shed-style metal roof and concrete pier foundation for low impact to the building site, natural pine plywood paneling, bamboo flooring, under-floor storage and Energy Star windows are standard inside. Additional options — fireplaces, full-length decks, outdoor showers and screened porches among them — also are available.

"Depending on the number of modules purchased and existing site conditions," Craven said, "a Cottage in a Day can be set on most properties in one day."

For more information go to www.cottageinaday.com.

CEMENT PLANK SIDING COMES IN ANY CABOT STAIN HUE, RANGING FROM SAPLING AND POPPY TO GRAPE-VINE AND SPEARMINT LEAF; THE STEEL ROOF AND EXTERIOR WINDOW CLADDING CAN ALSO BE COLOR CUSTOMIZED.

