KAUFMANN HOUSE
Palm Springs California
1946

SITE PLAN
Richard Neutra Case Study Project

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The Kaufmann House was built in 1946 in Palm Springs, California. The house was designed in a pinnwheel configuration. Horizontal roof overhangs over transparent glass walls. But the texture of stone and wood give substance to the design. Minor changes in glass heights and the abundance of glass walls define the space of the house. The living room and master bedroom over look the pool. Neutra designed a small rooftop shelter called a "Gionetto." This is a sheltered covered deck that allows the desert air to pass through while providing a magnificent view of the valley. The Kaufmann House emphasizes its rugged desert surroundings with its sharp lines which re-echo the flat planes of the pool's tipping area.