

# The Top 12 Buildings We Wanted To Live In This Year



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*fastcoexist.com*. December 2014. We all need to live somewhere. And most people want to live in cities. But our cities are getting very full. To fit more people we're going to need to rethink our architectural strategies, as these new buildings—which range from the truly outlandish to the just slightly odd—show. There are of course, a spectrum of the problems of cramped city living, and the people crammed into tiny apartments in Hong Kong are at the far end. Knowing that's what happens when modern skyscrapers are jammed with people who can't afford a place to live in their city makes buildings like this spacious apartment building that looks like a tree seem even more necessary.

Given that cities are running out of space and filling with people, many buildings this year sought out alternative options, either repurposing existing infrastructure to create living spaces or, in the case of a concept Chinese city and a floating hotel, moving off land entirely.

But going big isn't the only option. Unlike the residents of the cramped Hong Kong apartments, better designed tiny living spaces might be the key to a growing urban population. And so designers are 3D-printing them, stacking them, and putting them in parking lots. They're even filling them with fun trap doors.

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