Pugh + Scarpa's Make It Right (MIR) duplex home seeks to redefine the concept of a home as a flexible, multifunctional and adaptable space addressing the needs of today's modern family, on a limited budget. Offering traditional yet modernized features, Make It Right is a two-unit structure that leverages elements of a traditional home by creating public and private "zones" in which public areas and social integration with the neighborhood are emphasized. The organization of the space is intended to transform the way people live—away from a residence, into a family-oriented, interactive space.

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EXTERIOR SKIN PANEL SYSTEM

The exterior wall panel consists of a rainscreen system that allows rainwater and debris to fall off the facade. The rainscreen is made of panels that are designed to help with drainage and ventilation. The panels are made of materials that are resistant to weathering and allow for natural light and ventilation to enter the building. This system also helps to control moisture and prevent mold growth. Additionally, it provides a clean and modern look to the exterior of the building.
Pugh + Scarpa’s approach to Cradle to Cradle sustainability begins with passive solar design strategies such as locating and orienting the building to control solar gain in any heat, south-facing areas, and orienting the building for exposure to prevailing winds shaping the building to induce buoyancy for natural ventilation, and shaping and planning the interior to enhance daylight and natural air flow through the home. The south side deep overhangs provide a double-height space that both announces the home to the street and induces air flow upward through clerestory windows set just below the roofline. On the exterior, vertically oriented, patterned paneling resonates the home’s height. Inside, a double-height space brings light, airflow and a sense of commodiousness to the living room.

The building responds to the specific conditions of the New Orleans climate in several ways:

- On the south side deep overhangs provide passive solar protection for the building’s interior.
- Similarly, openings on the west and east sides are protected with deeper overhangs and porches.
- The north side is allowed to be flat and exposed, which affords daylighting with a minimum of solar heat gain.
- The roof is sloped to induce airflow.
- High ceiling and abundant cross ventilation allow heat to escape the building’s interior.
- The roof overhangs allow heat to escape the building’s interior.
- All appliances are Energy Star rated.
- The home’s high ceilings promote an airy, spacious ambiance, and will be less reliant on electric lighting than a conventional home.

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