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UNIVERSAL DESIGN/AGING IN PLACE
RESOURCE LIST

http://www.universaldesign.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=2194&Itemid=2924 One of the best overviews on the broad subject of universal design. An aggregation of dozens of articles on the subject.

<http://www.examiner.com/article/interior-decorating-for-the-senior-citizen-s-abode>. The writing's a tad gorny, but the info about decorating and home hazards is solid. Pick and choose what works in your life.

<http://homeguides.sfgate.com/decorating-senior-citizens-82748.html>
Useful info.

ARCHITECTS/DESIGNERS: Solutions for the built environment

<http://qz.com/217081/why-designers-should-spend-more-time-in-hospitals/>
The incomparable designer/architect/all around paragon Michael Graves on universal design in medical facilities, but he's also talking about sensitive design everywhere in our lives.

Architect John Blinder shows how a 4,000 square foot McMansion could become private living spaces for three different groups of an extended family. Fascinating.

<http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/nahb50mag/issues/2011-11-18/1.html>

SHARED SPACES

<http://roommates4boomers.com/#sthash.hJkAR8W3.dpuf>

A clearinghouse for women age 50 and over seeking potential housemates

Every town has its "Golden Girls" house-sharing stories. Sometimes the communards click, sometimes they don't.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/a-new-generation-of-golden-girls-embrace-communal-living-as-they-get-older/2014/06/15/b3a67b30-edb3-11e3-9b2d-114aded544be_story.html

A woman who spent a decade overseas with her husband and three kids moves back to the Midwest and buys her parents' home. Eight people, including her older brother, navigate living under one roof.

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/06/fashion/moving-back-in-with-parents-as-a-married-couple.html?_r=0

PRODUCTS

Custom Home's 37 best-looking Universal design products – and they do rock
<http://www.customhomeonline.com/design/universal-design-thats-elegant-too.c.aspx>

A clever modernist chair for helping you up and out...I'd personally stain the wood ebony, paint the metal frame much darker and use more sophisticated fabric to avoid the lawn chair look. But the basic design is terrific.
<http://lanzavecchia-wai.com/projects/assunta/>

If you're a traditionalist and only need a moderate boost up and out, this traditional wing chair with rising seat and height-adjustable legs is for you.
<http://carex.com/item/CCFRD03SPRUCE/Risedale-Chair-Spruce-/#.U8lEBIZFcDs>

A great-looking standing desk that adjusts down to table height so you can easily shift to a sitting position. Your hip joints will thank you
<http://www.thehumansolution.com> -

SEPARATE QUARTERS

Striking wood and glass self-contained housing units for those aging in place.
<http://www.fastcodedesign.com/1662127/fabcab-builds-universal-design-prefabs-for-aging-in-place> -

A Virginia doctor puts her ailing mother in a state-of-the-art granny flat that helps monitor vital signs and keeps an eye on her 24/7.
<http://newoldage.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/05/01/in-the-backyard-grandmas-new-apartment/>

A 14x24 foot modular annex that can be installed in a week was bought by one man as temporary digs for an ailing parent. But he may keep it for himself and his wife just in case. <http://www.palsbuilt.com/why-pals/>

The Australians coined the phrase "granny flat," and designed steel-frame units for seniors and students.
[http://www.isfhomes.com.au/1&2 bed kit%20homes granny flats thumb.htm](http://www.isfhomes.com.au/1&2%20bed%20kit%20homes%20granny%20flats%20thumb.htm)

POLITICAL ACTION

Lobby state and federal lawmakers for tax breaks for retrofitting existing homes or building new ones according to Universal Design principles.
[http://universaldesignonline.com/images/PN_Oct. 2012 by Schwab.pdf](http://universaldesignonline.com/images/PN_Oct._2012_by_Schwab.pdf)

