

A single room is constructed from solid malachite bricks. Its wooden roof is slightly pitched, and seven windows and a door are evenly distributed among the four walls. In square bricks the striations in stone fall vertically. Inside, a library of malachite objects are displayed on a velvet cloth under a window.

In the southeast corner of the room one jade plant sits in a pot marked "year --14." A plaque in that corner reads:

*Established Jade House Plant Garden*

On a tabletop:

Three jade cuttings in small clear drinking glasses

Four pieces of malachite

Five flowering stone fruit branches, no longer than twelve inches, in a shallow glass bowl

After each brief flowering season the branches will be thrown away. The jade cuttings will be planted together in a pot and placed in the house as a calendar. The house will eventually be full of jade plants.

As the cuttings grow the older plants will be re-potted into larger containers.