The Kaufmann House, located in Palm Springs, California, was designed by Richard Neutra in 1946. It is considered to be a modernist masterpiece. The house’s design perfectly integrates the surrounding desert environment. This is achieved through a unique pinwheel design featuring a north, south, east, and west arm, each extending from a central hub. Thoughtful placement of larger rooms at the end of each wing allows for the creation of outdoor rooms and hallways. Circulation through the house occurs both indoors and out. The house’s connection to the surrounding environment is further enhanced through the use of glass walls and metal slats that can be adjusted to let in the warm desert sunlight.
The Kaufmann House is organized into a pinwheel shape. Four wings extend off the central hub. The north wing includes an outdoor hallway and small guest house. To the south, a garage is connected by way of an enclosed hallway. The east wing includes the master bedroom. The west wing includes a kitchen and living space for workers.

An “outdoor room” created by the house’s organization.