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The Upstater: New Old Houses

Every Friday at 11:00, the [Upstater website](#) brings you a selection of houses for rent and sale within three hours north (and a little bit east and/or west) of New York City. This week: the 21st century farmhouse.

Perhaps you love the look of old houses, but don't want to renovate or spend your upstate time tending to the old bones of a place. In that case, you might want a "new old house," one that borrows from the architecture of older houses — folk Victorians, Greek revivals and such — but is new and modern.



Cottage 39

The upstate leader in this kind of house is Catskill Farms (you can read an interview with the owner/designer [here](#)). Their homes tend to be in the 1,300-square-foot/\$335,000 range, with porches and open floor plans. They're built in Sullivan and Ulster Counties, and the process seems pretty appealing: pick out a design and a piece of land. Catskill Farms builds the place on your choice of plot, but pays for everything until the home is done; you buy the finished project. Or you can pick up one in progress, like this two-bed, 1.5-bath, 1,300-square-foot [Cottage 39](#).