Hale Nukumoi
South Shore, Kauai, Hawaii

Hale Nukumoi is the quintessential Hawaiian beach house: open, casual and unfussy. Modest in scale, the contemporary two-story residence was designed to seamlessly integrate into both the region’s landscape and architecture. The home’s material palette seems to spring from the land itself: coral-colored concrete, peeled ohia logs, and dark tile recalls nearby lava flows.

In response to the property’s public face, the design aimed to create a sense of seclusion right at the ocean’s edge. The entry courtyard offers discrete outdoor living space with a fountain and striking copper mesh rain curtain that provides privacy on the park facing side of the home while managing rainwater run-off and masking roadway noise. Use of oversized windows and doors dramatically frame ocean views and offer easy beach access.

The home’s thoughtful scale is a direct response to planning constraints that limited allowable square footage, demanding a more efficient design. Furthermore, the unique challenges of island construction called for a prefabricated process, which meant all wood, steel and expressed framework was finished offsite. Only the board-formed concrete was completed onsite. The result is a flexible design incorporating ship-like efficiency that allows for five bedrooms in the main house and a large lanai on the south end of the property. Numbered bunks, hooks and storage baskets help younger guests easily organize their belongings, and custom, modular furniture that easily expands and contracts means the residents can flexibly accommodate both large family events and intimate gatherings.

At its essence, Hale Nukumoi is a house ready-made for easy vacationing that allows friends and family to effortlessly enjoy the awe-inspiring beauty of the continuously changing natural setting.
01 Bedroom
02 Bathroom
03 Hallway
04 Bunk Room
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06 Stair Hall
07 Powder Room
08 Kitchen
09 Dining Room
10 Living Room
11 Outdoor Bar
12 Lanai