home/practice

infiltration basin

plant the water first
mulch & get the soil working
infiltrate
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mesquite guild
with saguaros

hopbush & jojoba native hedge

water off the roof

cistern

site the cistern
on the west side of the house
it will provide shade
in hot afternoon summer sun
less air conditioning will be needed inside
water the gardens with the stored rainwater

they will grow better

always plan an overflow
for heavy rain events

spiral garden

find the edges of the old buried pool
& dig
a sunken spiral garden
pathway of urbanite
add soil
begin with sunflowers
summer monsoon rain from the cistern
okra, peppers, basil

chickens
three hens from the feed store
HD the Silver Phoenix
Gertrude the Rhode Island Red
Alice the Ameruacana
let them eat grass
let them eat food scraps
let them eat organic layer mash
use chicken shit to replenish soil
fresh eggs for breakfast

orange tree
chop up the pavement
on the east side of the workshop
plant an orange tree where the pavement was
when doing laundry water the orange
with the laundry water
let the shade from the orange tree
cool down the workshop
eat the oranges
outdoor shower

plant a fig tree
by the west wall
in the backyard
water it with water collected
from the roof

when it gets big enough
drape a shower hose
over one of its branches

in the summer
water the tree
by taking a shower in its shade
while eating figs