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FRONT DOOR BENCH

IN THE PROYECTO EXPERIMENTAL, houses have some kind of bench outside the front door, placed so as to create a private space just in front of the door. The benches will vary in position, size, and coloring, from house to house.



THE GENERAL PATTERN IS:

Context:

Any Peruvian house with a front door opening directly off the public path.

Solution:

There is a bench outside the front door. This bench may be directly in front of the door, or to one side, but is placed to create a small private space immediately in front of the door.



Problem:

The most public kind of involvement with the street is sitting out. (See "Front Door Recesses" for general statement.) Many people, especially older people, pull chairs out to the front door, or lean against the front of their houses, either while they are working at something, or just for the pleasure of watching street life. Since people in Peru are reluctant to be too public, this activity requires a bench or seat which is clearly private, even though in the public world.

