



KEY POINTS TO CONSIDER
WHEN BUILDING & WHAT TO AVOID

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FEATURES	BUILDERS HELP	I WANT TO DO MYSELF	COMMENTS
Use adequate planning: Cost Estimating			
Local regulations for building			
Detail Planning Focus			
Avoid costly construction errors: proper foundation work			
correct material choices			
Prioritize energy-efficient design to avoid these expenses later			
Hidden costs that may arise: Permit fees			
Utility Connections			
Site Preparations			
Unforeseen Structural Issues			
Entire Building Process: foundation construction			
Framing			
Roofing			
Exterior and Interior Finishing			
Utilities Installation			
Landscaping			
Final Inspections			

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MUST DO'S	DONE
Plan ventilation systems that promote airflow, control humidity, and enhance indoor air quality. Consider natural ventilation, exhaust fans, HVAC systems, and insulation strategies for optimal comfort and energy efficiency.	
Familiarize yourself with local building codes, obtain necessary permits, work with licensed professionals, conduct inspections at key stages, and address any compliance issues promptly to avoid fines and delays.	
Choose high-quality fixtures for plumbing, lighting, appliances, and hardware to enhance functionality, aesthetics, and durability while minimizing	
Avoid cutting corners on critical components such as structural integrity, insulation, roofing, and safety features. Be flexible with budgets by prioritizing essential aspects while exploring cost-effective alternatives for non-essential elements.	
Design a water drainage system that directs rainwater away from the building foundation, includes proper grading and landscaping, incorporates gutters and downspouts, and considers water recycling or storage options.	
Barndominium options include metal, wood, and hybrid structures. Consider factors like durability, cost, aesthetics, maintenance requirements, and environmental impact when choosing the best material for your barndominium.	
Follow safety protocols during construction, including proper ventilation, fire safety measures, electrical wiring standards, structural reinforcements, and regular maintenance to prolong your home's lifespan.	
High-grade materials are crucial for durability, energy efficiency, and aesthetics. Invest in quality roofing, insulation, windows, doors, flooring, and appliances to ensure a long-lasting and comfortable living environment.	
Financing options include construction loans, home equity loans, FHA loans, and traditional mortgages. Research multiple lenders, compare terms and interest rates, and choose a financing option that aligns with your financial goals.	
Foundation options include slab-on-grade, pier and beam, crawl space, and basement. Select a foundation type based on soil conditions, local building codes, budget constraints, and structural requirements.	
Research zoning laws related to land use, setbacks, building height, property lines, and occupancy restrictions. Obtain necessary permits and approvals to comply with zoning regulations.	
Consider additional features based on your lifestyle and preferences, such as guest accommodations, multi-story layouts, loft spaces, swimming pools, storage solutions, and outdoor amenities, to enhance the functionality and value of your barndominium.	

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FEATURES	NEED BUILDERS HELP	I WANT TO DO ON MY OWN	COMMENTS
Focus areas for your home			
Structural Integrity			
Energy Efficiency			
Interior layout			
Aesthetic appeal			
Kitchen and bath designs			
Compliance with building codes			
Cost Estimation			
Material assessment			
Labor			
Permits			
Site prep			
Utilities			
Where not to cut budgets for a more stable and long lasting home			
Roofing			
Insulation			
Windows			
Appliances			
Flooring			
Doors			