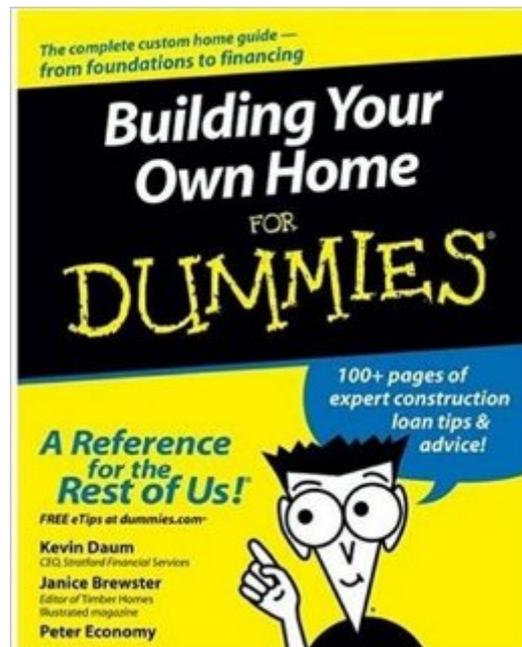


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# Building Your Own Home For Dummies



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Keep construction on track with helpful checklists Turn your dream of a custom home into reality! Thinking about building your own home? This easy-to-follow guide shows you how to plan and build a beautiful home on any budget. From acquiring land to finding the best architect to overseeing the construction, you get lots of savvy tips on managing your new investment wisely -- and staying sane during the process! Discover how to: \* Find the best homesite \* Navigate the plan approval process \* Obtain financing \* Hire the right contractor \* Cut design and construction costs \* Avoid common mistakes

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This book has exhaustive information about building a home employing a general constructor and sub-contractors. It's more useful as a reference. I say that because of the way it's organized. It's not a sequential read, and has no logical beginning or ending. I bought this book hoping to understand each step that goes into building a home. However, this book is NOT about that. It's more about effectively dealing with things that come along in each step.

I have 3 degrees, but I did not know the 1st step about buying raw land, building a home, and getting a construction loan. I read this book from start to finish and could not imagine going through the process without using the guidelines in this book. I learned what questions to ask the broker

about the loan and what questions to ask my contractor about the construction. It is so important to go into this kind of huge project knowing what check lists to take care of and have some kind of timeline. Nice to know what is around each new corner! I think this is a must have book if you're planning on building a home!

This book is mostly about financing, and in that regard the advice is largely outdated. Banks are not rushing to give unsecured loans these days, and the line-of-credit second mortgage is nearly a thing of the past, even for those with excellent credit. I was also disappointed in some of the advice about resolving disputes, as it seemed naive and not likely to work. It felt to me like the authors had wanted to write a book about financing but were persuaded at the last minute to talk briefly about other subjects, like style of house, landscaping, etc., to attract a broader reader base. The end result seems forced and awkward.

If you intend to be an Owner-Builder don't waste your time here. This is mainly about financing a project with the rest about using a General Contractor. You'd be better off saving your money to buy coffee for one of your crews than buying this book.

This is the best book on the market if your thinking of, dreaming of, or even starting to build your own home. It's the perfect book for someone not so well versed in the complicated art of getting a home built. I found so much information I don't need to buy any other books! From the steps you need to take in getting permits, choosing stick-built or pre-fab, dealing with contractors and banks, to recommendations for square footage of rooms (I re-drew my home plans because of those little tips), what to expect when, and insider tricks on saving money. This book has way more information than I ever thought I'd find in one book. When my dream home building process gets underway, this book will be my Bible! I highly recommend it!

I am finally ready to begin my dream of building my own home. This book is helping me to avoid many mistakes. It has also provided a terrific point of view on areas I had not considered before, such as how large my kitchen should be. Mr. Daum seems to know his stuff and has written a concise book that has been easy to read and understand.

I just recently purchased a new home, and though it wasn't a custom built home, I found this book to be tremendously helpful with my financing and preparing for the move. Someday I would like to

build my own custom home, and I will again refer to this book. It was very clear, easy to follow and with the humor added, it was enjoyable to read - not at all a drudgery!

I loved this book! It's the only one out there with lots of great helpful detail (over 100 pages) on how to finance a custom home project. And it doesn't assume that I'm the one wielding the hammer - I work for a living, which is a point many other authors in this area have missed :).

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