

“10 Things You Didn’t Know About DIY Custom Home Building”

Here Are Ten Things That Will Surprise You About the Built Green Custom Homes DIY Building Program

1. You’ll Be Surprised By How Satisfying It Is To Live In A Home You Designed

With Built Green Texas, you don’t have to move into a house that someone else designed, built, and finished. You get to build the home you want - the first time. Most people buy a home, move in, then begin the process of making it their own. Over time, thousands of dollars are spent remodeling to change a style or layout that doesn’t fit personal preferences. With Built Green Custom Homes, you don’t need to settle for something that is any less than what you want. Our program allows you to choose what your house will look like, what it will be made of, and how it will be laid out - you are in complete control and you don’t have to compromise. Save money and avoid the headaches associated with renovation by getting what you want the first time around. Get your home - your way.

2. You Discover What A Custom Home Truly Is (Typical “Custom” Home Builders Don’t Really Offer Custom Homes)

If you have ever had a custom home built by a general contractor, you know that “custom” rarely means getting a truly exclusive home build. Instead, you typically get to choose from a set of predesigned options. Try and make a change that is not included in their existing house plans and you’ll get hit with undesirable work order fees. Want something unconventional like a window in your master closet, a full mudroom, or a pet bath in the laundry room? Save money by adding it now. With Built Green, you have the freedom to make the choices you want, even when it comes to the little things. You won’t just like your new home, you’ll love it because it’s exactly what you want.

3. You’ll Be Amazed By The Quality You Can Get For Your Money

Typical home builders make their profit margins by using low-grade building materials. In less than 10 years most builder-grade materials start falling apart. Doors come unhinged, window latches break, and flooring wears out. Then, YOU have to spend money to replace those items you didn't really want to begin with.

If you build a home using a "custom" home builder and choose to upgrade anything, they'll mark it up to 4X or more of their actual cost. This might mean you settle for something you don't really want. When you build with the Built Green Custom Homes program, you'll save by using those materials you want, instead of trying to replace builder-grade later. By offering top quality materials and using proven construction methods, Built Green makes sure that you won't have to spend money replacing cheap materials later.

4. You'll Love Having The Freedom To Make Changes When You Want To

With Built Green Texas, you don't have to go and ask your custom home builder if it is okay to make changes. You're in control; you decide what will happen. If you see something you don't like once building has begun, then you can make a change immediately before all the finish work is completed and modifications become costly. Add a pocket door for more space, make the kitchen cozier with an archway, or put in an outlet right where you want your sound system – these are all within your control.

5. You Get Your Own Layout And Design - You Don't Have To Choose From Existing Home Plans

Want a unique home design? With Built Green Custom Homes, that's not only available – it's our standard. Add a separate suite for an aging parent with a garage or, if you work from home, you can add a dedicated entry for clients. Need an extra-large walk-in closet, a sunroom, or a deluxe library? Your options are endless.

6. You'll Be Amazed At How Window Selection Impacts Your Home

Typical home builders can tend to skimp on overall costs by adding cheap windows. With Built Green Texas, you can add windows designed specifically for your home that align with your preferences. You'll also be surprised to learn that, while windows are one of the least expensive upgrades available when

building a custom home, they can add an important element to your overall design. For just a little extra, you can bring the sunshine indoors, brighten architectural highlights, and energize the interior of your home.

7. You'll Love To Choose High-Quality Design Elements That Reflect Your Personality

Design elements like paint and flooring imprint your personality on a new home. Paint color can establish a mood – so choose the colors you want, with the finish you want, and have it done before you move in. Do you know that the walls and ceilings of most new homes are painted with only one color of completely flat, low-grade paint? This is because flat paint is cheap. The problem is that it also chips and shows marks easily. Repainting a home is much costlier than using the right sheen and color the first time.

In today's homes, the choice of flooring is a key aesthetic factor. Which flooring options best suits you and your lifestyle? Do you prefer wood floors - reclaimed barn wood, hickory, cherry, bamboo – or do you like tile for a distinctly modern look? At Built Green, we will help you choose the design elements that reflect your individuality.

8. You'll Be Thrilled With Energy Savings

With a name like Built Green, you probably already know we are experts in building energy-efficient, economically sound homes. We are all about saving energy and can provide the knowledge and insight you'll need to make sure your home has a low operating cost throughout its lifetime. You don't have to settle for the cheap, low-grade insulation that home builders typically use.

What about water quality? A water purification system is simple to add during a new build. Do you know how little it costs to add double or triple window panes or UV glass? Choosing energy-efficient materials when building translates into long-term savings in the day to day functioning of your home.

9. We're Not Going To Say Custom Home Building Is Easy - But You'll Be Surprised By How We Can Simplify The Process

With so many options, building a custom home might seem overwhelming, but that's where the expert knowledge of Built Green Texas comes in. If you can read and follow directions, you can build a beautiful, truly custom home that is all your own - YOUR location, YOUR design, and YOUR floor plan. Use the materials you prefer and the finishes that best reflect your lifestyle.

Many of our clients have even said that while it takes effort, building a custom home is actually easy! We help people from all walks of life build hundreds of completely different homes with an infinite number of preferences and needs. The collective experience of our Built Green team can transform your vision of the perfect home into a reality.

10. You CAN afford It!

You set your budget, then you decide how much to invest. Almost without exception, our clients end up with more equity value in their homes than they would have if they simply purchased an existing home or hired a home builder. Although the costs of a custom build often appear higher than constructing a track home, keep this in mind - you are investing in quality materials and energy savings in the space you want NOW so there are fewer costs in the future. You allocate your budget as you see fit, and we'll help you make key financial decisions, answering any questions you might have along the way. Whatever your budget, you'll get more house for your dollar with the Built Green Custom Homes system!

Want to Learn More? Visit www.BuiltGreenTexas.com or call 512-730-3950 and tell us about the kind of home you want to build.