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Learning design traits of timber homes not only lets you showcase the wood in your home, but also gives you the confidence to express your personality, making your beautiful home truly one of a kind.

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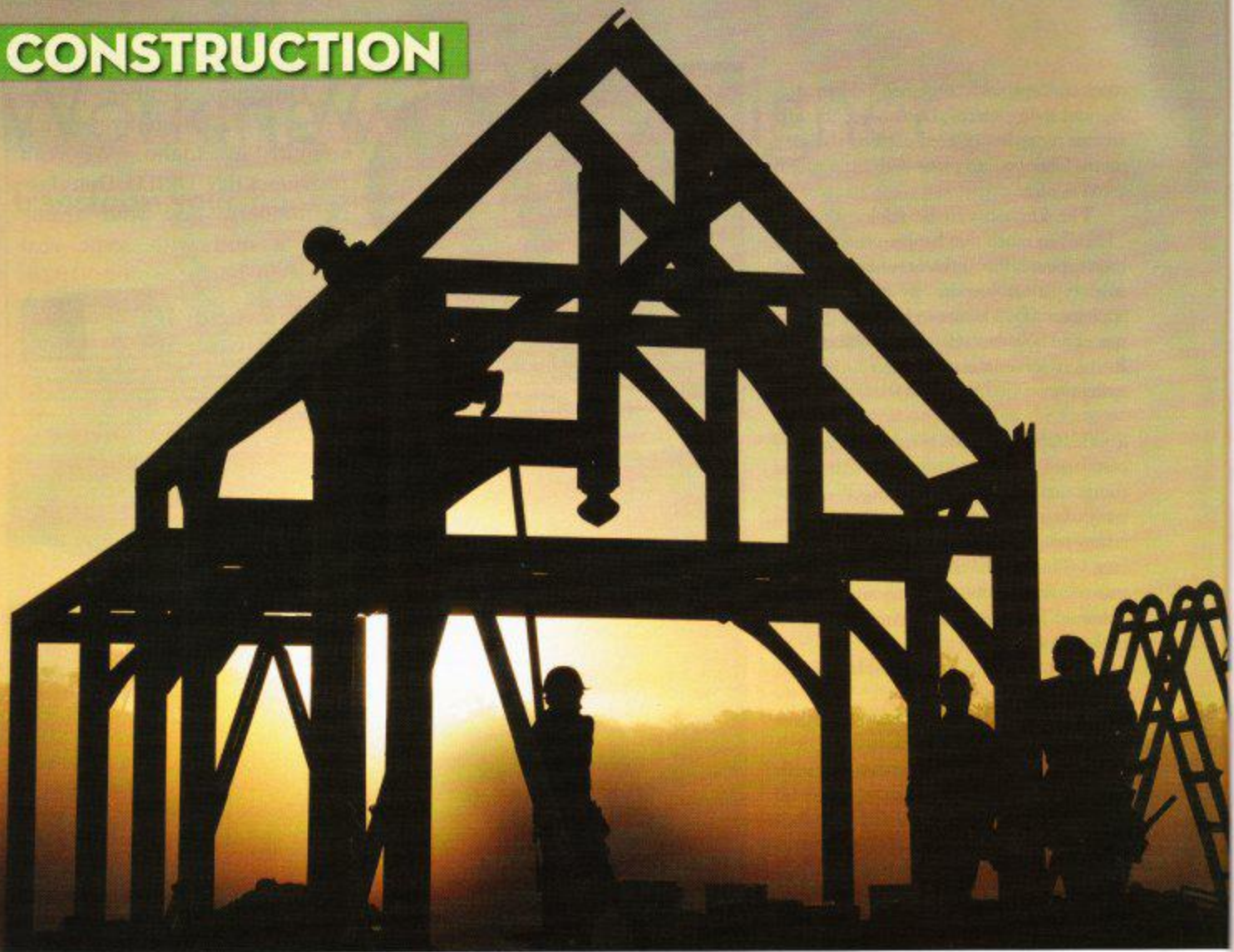
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# Plan For Living

**Design your home to have the personal touch.**

A big appeal of timber homes goes well beyond the wood and other materials. It's the opportunity to configure these materials — in other words, you can design your home to reflect your ideas of how you want it to look and live. The challenge is that unless you've already experienced living in a timber home, you might feel shy about tackling the task of designing it.

Relax. Even one-of-a-kind custom designs deal with certain recurring conventions: open flow, windows with a view, tall ceilings, few hallways, great rooms and more. Familiarizing yourself with these standard features will give you the confidence to arrange them to suit you. This section lays the groundwork for your design and offers insight into dealing with design professionals.



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# Building Your Dream

## How to Ensure a Smooth Construction Process

There are eight key steps to ensure that construction of your new home goes off without a hitch. Four of them are necessary before construction itself gets underway.

**1. CREATE A WORKABLE SCHEDULE.** Like any type of custom construction, building a timber home isn't a speedy process. Set aside six to seven months to refine your home's design, which will lead to floor plans and working drawings. Then allocate another two months for the timber (whether it's structural or decorative) to be cut and

## FINISH & DECOR



Regardless of your home's size, cozy refuges, like this snug little library, help establish comfortable getaways within.

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## The Cozy Effect

Longing for comfort? Follow these design and decor ideas, and soon your timber home will be the coziest place around. **BY LEAH KERKMAN**

"Cozy" is relative, but for most of us, feeling comfortable is all about scale. Big, open spaces can feel overwhelming, just as too-small niches can bring on a claustrophobia attack. Here are some of our favorite ways to achieve that feeling of snugness.

### DESIGN TIPS

- Factor in a transition and a little mystery. What's overhead in a post-and-beam home can be a little intense, especially if the soaring ceiling and huge truss system is the first thing you see when you walk in the door. To create a bit of suspense and to avoid overwhelming your guests,

# Product Guide: Roofing



## ASPHALT/FIBERGLASS SHINGLE

**PROS:** Large color selection; inexpensive; easy to install; higher-end products offer greater impact and algae resistance  
**CONS:** Moderately heavy; may not have a long life span; could blow off in high winds; some newer, more innovative products aren't available in all regions  
**COST:** \$50+\*



## CEDAR SHAKE

**PROS:** Natural look is perfect for a timber home; allows the house to "breathe;" acts as an insulator  
**CONS:** Can rot because of water or insect infiltration; requires frequent maintenance; could pose a fire hazard if not treated with a fire retardant; old shakes can't be recycled  
**COST:** \$90+\*



## METAL

**PROS:** Durable; fire retardant; energy efficient; almost maintenance-free; very lightweight; can be installed over existing roofs  
**CONS:** Can be noisy in heavy rain; may dent; installation can be complicated  
**COST:** \$100+\*



## METAL TILE

**PROS:** Gives the look of tile with the high performance of metal; many brands can withstand severe weather conditions  
**CONS:** Moderately expensive; installation can be complicated  
**COST:** \$225+\*



## SYNTHETIC CEDAR SHAKE

**PROS:** Impervious to weather and insects; won't rot; requires little maintenance  
**CONS:** Some brands look artificial  
**COST:** Up to \$415\*



## SYNTHETIC SLATE

**PROS:** Weighs about one-third less than real slate and costs considerably less  
**CONS:** Not as long-lasting as the real thing; some brands may look artificial  
**COST:** Up to \$450\*



## SLATE

**PROS:** Could last 100 years or more; natural look complements a timber home; impervious to insects, fire and water; low maintenance  
**CONS:** Very expensive; very heavy; could require extra roof support, adding to overall cost  
**COST:** \$800+ (installed)\*

LEFT: OMBRIDGE TIMBER FRAMING/ROGER WADE PHOTOGRAPHY; ROOF SAMPLES, TOP TO BOTTOM, OWENS CORNING PHOTO, BEWARD ROOFING PHOTO, CUSTOM-BILT METALS PHOTO, ALLEMET ROOFING PRODUCTS PHOTO, DAVINCI BOOKSCAPES PHOTO, CERTAINTED PHOTO, GAF-ELK PHOTO

\* Cost based per square. A "square" is equivalent to 100 square feet, or a 10-by-10-foot area