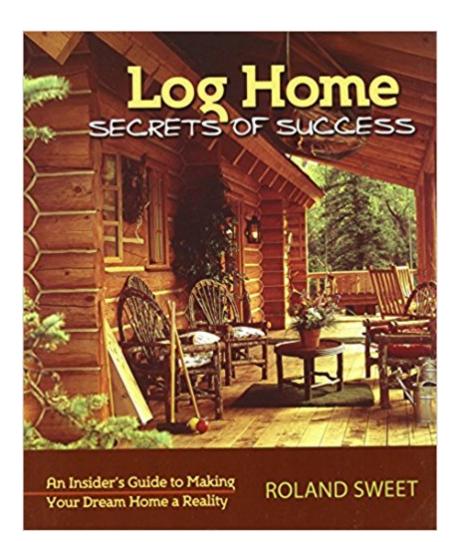


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Log Home Secrets Of Success: An Insider's Guide To Making Your Dream Home A Reality





Synopsis

A savvy guide that takes you from dreaming of a log home to actually building and living comfortably in one. Industry insider Roland Sweet reveals tips and insights about the various facets of designing a log home, selecting a log-home producer, and evaluating log packages. Plus you'll get real-world advice on calculating costs, what to look for when buying land, making energy-wise decisions, the importance of assembling a team that shares your vision, working with a builder, and much more. An invaluable resource, complete with photos, advice from log-home owners and an extensive and useful appendix. Table of Contents 1 - Keep Your Eye on the Prize 2 - Learn the Common Log Home Myths and Why They Are Myths 3 - Understand Wood 4 - Think Green 5 - Do Your Homework 6 - Gather Ideas 7 - Decide on the Look 8 - Calculate How Much House You Can Afford 9 - Know When and How to Compromise 10 - Anticipate the Unexpected 11 - Buy Your Land Before You Buy Your House 12 - Make Sure You Can Build on Your Land 13 - Assemble Your Dream Team Early 14 - Design for Yourself and Your Lifestyle 15 - Design for Protection 16 - Design for the Future 17 - Think Inside the Box 18 - Choose a Company that Offers the Look You Love 19 -Understand How Your Log Producer Provides for Log Settling 20 - Know What's in Your Package and What Isn't 21 - Understand What a Log Home Costs 22 - Get to Know Your Dealer 23 - Visit Several Actual Log Homes by Your Producer and Builder 24 - Hire the Best Builder, Not the Cheapest 25 - Determine Your Level of Involvement 26 - Expect Delays 27 - Don't Forget Furniture 28 - Landscape for Beauty and Wildlife 29 - Have Realistic Expectations 30 - Move In and Move On Appendix - Preserve Your Home's Good Looks - Warranties: Buyer Be Wary - How Your Log Home Happens - Cost-Estimating Checklist

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Customer Reviews

I first met Roland when I was an active log home builder writing about log homes for a new publication called Log Home Living. I quickly found him to be a friend and terrific resource. For twenty years Roland has worked at the intersection between those who dream of owning a log home and those who work to fulfill those dreams. I don't know anyone who has made better use of this insider position. Secrets of Success is invaluable in helping understand the world of log homes and sorting through the hype and confusing and sometimes conflicting information that can befuddle and discourage log home enthusiasts. I can think of no better place to start (or re-start) the quest for your own log home than in these pages. --Jim Cooper, contributing editor of Log Home LivingLog Home Secrets of Success is sure to be a hit with readers. It cuts through the confusion to focus on what prospective log-home owners really need to know to make their custom log home happen. By condensing existing home-owners' experiences into 30 valuable lessons that cover the entire buying-and-building process, this insightful, easy-to-read guide arms readers with essential information and, most importantly, the confidence to succeed. --Tammy Clark, The Log & Timber Home BookstoreSweet (editor in chief, Log Home Living magazine; 100 Best Log Home Floor Plans) shares a wealth of practical advice and tips to consider when building a log home. He includes detailed pros and cons, along with information on log home construction. This book is key for anyone considering a log home a romantic and perfectly attainable dream. --Library Journal, September 2010

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My dad wants to build a timber frame home and he loves getting ideas from this book. He is doing all the research he can.

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