

RENOVATIONS

HOME IMPROVEMENT & DESIGN

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WHICH IS YOUR BEST OPTION?

CUSTOM VERSUS SPEC HOME

GARDENING...
**IT'S A WAY
OF LIFE!**

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**GREAT IDEAS TO
MAKE YOUR KITCHEN
FUNCTIONAL**

New home challenge

CUSTOM VS. SPEC

PICTURED
Lexis Developments'
spec home

WHEN DECIDING TO BUILD A NEW HOME, THERE ARE many decisions that need to be made, among the first includes, whether to build a custom home, or spec home.

FLOOR PLANS

Whether you choose to build a custom or spec home, be sure to look over the floor plans in great detail. Pay close attention to the traffic flow from room to room, the room sizes and shapes to determine whether the floor plan is functional for your lifestyle.

If you are keeping your existing furniture or appliances, you'll need to double check that the pieces you want to keep are going to fit into the designated space by measuring and comparing the sizes to the room dimensions.

Be sure that there are enough logically placed electrical outlets, phone jacks, as well as cable and Internet hook ups in each room for your convenience. Lighting should be strategically placed and banked to ensure there will be an adequate amount of light for each of the activities you imagine yourself doing in that space.

PRODUCT AND MATERIALS

The products and materials you choose to place in your home reflect your personality and/or personal style. Therefore, when choosing a builder, either select a spec builder who has product and material packages you love or a custom builder who will allow you to craft your own statement about your style to make you feel the most at home.

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Enlisting the assistance of a design consultant can make the decision making process a lot easier and a lot less stressful. Whether you bring in a design consultant right from the beginning or just from time to time as needed, you'll be able to relax knowing you have one resource to answer your questions, point you in the right direction and ensure your needs are being met.

Buying a spec home can ensure you will get that new house smell, without the headache of making a lot of decisions and if you're able to find a floor plans and materials package that excites you then purchasing a spec home may be the best solution for you. On the other hand, building a new custom home allows for you to get the new house smell, while actualizing the details of the home you've always dreamed of and if you have the time and skillset to make a lot of decisions, a custom home may best actualize your dreams. Either way you decide: welcome to your new home. 

CUSTOM HOMES

A custom home is just what it sounds like, a home in which you are able to customize the floor plan, as well as products and materials to meet your specific needs and actualize your dreams.

ADVANTAGES You as the homeowner are able to leave your personal mark on your home, in terms of layout, as well as products and materials.

DISADVANTAGES There are a lot of decisions that need to be made, therefore, a lot of time and brainpower is poured into ensuring each detail perfectly corresponds with the greater vision.

SPEC HOMES

A spec home on the other hand is a home built to predetermined specifications set by the builder.

ADVANTAGES There are not as many decisions that need to be made, therefore, only a smalltime investment is required and a homeowner doesn't need to be as deeply involved with the project.

DISADVANTAGES With fewer decisions comes the inability to create a home that is uniquely your own, in terms of uniqueness and custom fitted to your family's lifestyle.



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