

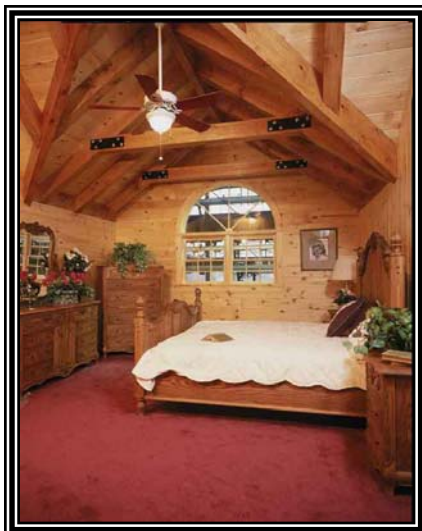
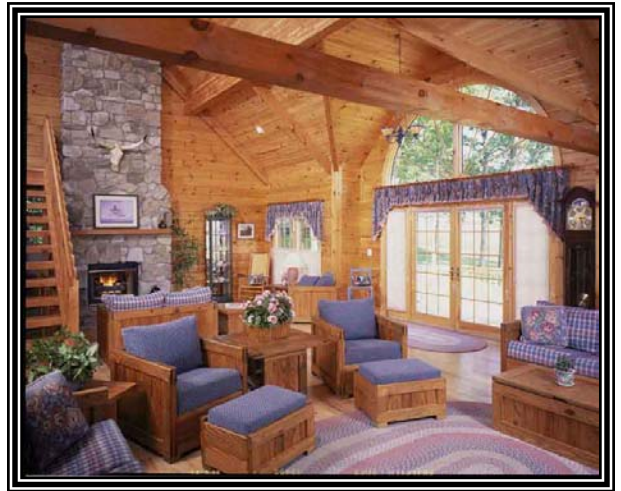


It's all About You

Fill out and save the following information. It will serve as a benchmark as you continue your quest. You may find that what you feel are "musts" now may change as you go along. Think toward the future, but if you find that your budget won't fit your future needs, plan a home that can be modified as your needs change, e.g. you add to your family, etc.

General Lifestyle:

1. Do you prefer a rustic, informal style or one that's more formal?
2. How much entertaining do you do? Are the gatherings large or small?
3. Do you prefer wide, open spaces or cozy nooks?
4. What do you like about your present home?
5. What are some things you'd like to do in your present home but cannot?
6. Are there special needs that must be accommodated? (e.g. wheelchairs, closed-off stairwells with small children, etc.)
7. Do you have pets or hobbies that require their own space?
8. What guest accommodations are required?
9. How much interaction between the out-of-doors and inside will go on?
10. How do you feel about dirt? Where do you mind it, and where is it okay?
11. Do you prefer the laundry area to be on the ground floor?
12. Do you like porches/decks? If so, do you prefer open or closed-in styles?
13. Do you want a fitness/exercise area?



Lifestyle-Bedroom

1. Do you prefer to wake up in a brightly sunlit room?
2. How many closets do you need?
3. Do you prefer a flat or cathedral ceiling in the bedroom?
4. Will the room serve other functions such as a study, sitting room, or TV area?
5. Do you prefer a separate dressing room? An attached bath?
6. Would you prefer to have the master bedroom close to children's/guest rooms or farther away?
7. Do you prefer log, plasterboard, or a mix of the two for the walls for this room?

Lifestyle-Kitchen

1. Will the kitchen be used for eating as well as food preparation?
2. How many people at a time must the kitchen accommodate?
3. What appliances do you plan on having?
4. What fixtures (lighting, faucets, etc.) are necessary?
5. Do you consider the kitchen an entertainment/family area?
6. How much natural light do you want in the kitchen?
7. How much cupboard, drawer, and counter space do you require?
8. Do you want your pots and pans displayed or hidden?
9. Will there be other activities going on in the kitchen (watching TV, paying bills, homework, etc.)?
10. Do you prefer a large, country-style kitchen, or a compact, convenient one?
11. Do you prefer log, plasterboard, or a mix of the two for the walls for this room?



Lifestyle-Family/Living Room:

1. What activities will go on in the living room?
2. Do you want a fireplace or other separate heating unit in the living room?
3. How many people at a time should the room accommodate?
4. Do you prefer a cathedral or flat ceiling in the living room?
5. What equipment (TV, stereo, bookshelves, etc.) will be located in the living room?
6. What type of flooring do you prefer in this room? (Consider the type of activities that will take place.)
7. What furniture will go into the room?
8. Will the room sometimes be used as a sleeping area for guests?
9. Do you prefer log, plasterboard, or a mix of the two for the walls for this room?

Lifestyle-Bathroom

1. Will there be more than one bathroom?
2. What amenities (whirlpool tub, separate shower, his-and-hers sinks, etc.) do you want in the bathroom?
3. What storage requirements must the bathroom have?
4. Do you prefer showers, baths, or both?
5. Do you prefer windows/skylights in the bathroom?
6. What sort of flooring will the bathroom have?
7. Is there a brand of fixtures you prefer?
8. Do you prefer log, plasterboard, or a mix of the two for the walls in this room?



The Basics

1. How many people will occupy the home?
2. How many bedrooms would you like the home to have?
3. Which type of home do you prefer: 1-1/2 story, ranch, two-story, split-level?
4. How many bathrooms do you require? If more than one, will the others be full or partial baths?
5. On what type of foundation will it be built: full basement, piers, slab, crawlspace?
6. What sort of roof will it have: metal, metal composite, shingle, or cedar?
7. How many and what type of windows do you want?
8. In what type of setting will the home be built: wooded; flat, open land; neighborhood lot; lakeside?
9. Will the home use a septic system? Holding tanks? City sewer? Mound system?
10. Where will the home's water come from: city supplied, on-site well?
11. Will there be a garage? Will it be attached? Will it also be constructed of logs?

I've just got to have it....

Separating your needs from your wants is an important part of choosing a log home design. Putting a priority on certain items will help the decision-making process in the long run, especially when you come face-to-face with budgetary constraints. If you **MUST** have a large country kitchen, then compromises in other areas may become necessary.



List ten features that you consider to be **MUSTS** in your home design:

- 1.
- 2.
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- 10.

Now list ten features you would **LIKE** to have in your home:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Keep these lists handy as you continue your research.