



The Custom Home Starter Kit

The process of building your home can be difficult. We are here to help you break through the process.

Part 1 "Obstacles When Building your Home"

Part 2: "Team Members"

Part 3: "Custom Home Process Checklist for New Homes"

Part 4: Fill out the online questionnaire to qualify for a free consultation (\$200 value)

Part 5: Follow our Blog

CW Architects offers a lot of great information through our blog. Our goal is to help more people build better places to live even if they don't use our service.

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"Team Members"

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A guide for understanding and building your design and construction team.

1. **Surveyor**
2. **Architect**
3. **Interior Designer**
4. **General Contractor**
5. **Others**

The process is all about teamwork!

Surveyor – May be your first team member. Knowing your lot size and other legal boundaries, such as setbacks, is critical before starting any design work. A surveyor will provide you with your existing conditions to take to your architect.

Architect – Is the design lead of your project. Much like the general contractor is responsible for the overall construction, the architect is responsible for the overall design. Architects typically sub out different parts to various consultants. As an example, the architect may subcontract with a structural engineer on your project to design the structure just like the general contractor will subcontract with a framing crew. The architect may recommend other design consultants as they are needed and the project progresses.

Interior Designer – After the overall vision is created then comes the details. From color and floor selection to faucet and cabinet pulls the interior designer specifies the details of the interior. If you need help with color, furniture selection, interior finish selection, and cost, an interior designer will help you through that level of

Pro Tip: The process of design always starts very general and works towards very specific. It's important as the owner, not to focus on the details before the bigger problems are solved. Focus on the site, then the overall shape and layout before moving into material selections and more. Think of the design process as the layering of information and trust the detail will fall into place.

detail. Interior Designers are typically subcontracted under the architect.

General Contractor – Is the build lead of your project and manages the construction process. Your general contractor will subcontract with many different subcontractors to complete the project. They are also responsible for testing and permitting.

Others – Civil Engineering may be considered on sites with poor drainage and steep slopes. A landscape architect may be used to design elaborate outdoor spaces. Structural engineers may be needed for complex structures or high ceilings. For large projects a mechanical and an electrical engineer may be needed to design the HVAC and Electrical systems.

