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What should you do first to get started planning for your new custom home? Building a new home can feel overwhelming, especially if you plan to manage the construction yourself. Built Green is here to guide you every step of the way as you get ready to build your own home. So, what comes first?

### **Vision**

When you dream of your new custom home on your own land, what images come to mind? What does the outside look like? How many bedrooms and bathrooms? Can you see yourself entertaining in your kitchen? How do you visualize your master suite? What about the great room? How do you picture your laundry or your mudroom? What special storage do you need? What about the porches where you can enjoy a cup of coffee or something cold and view your own little slice of the Texas Hill Country? Your new custom home begins with your vision and your dream for a retreat for your family. All of this should result in a rough figure for the square footage of the living area, porches and garage.

### **Target Budget**

Once you begin to define the dream for your home, the next step is to count the cost. You may be familiar with the teacher who said 2000 years ago, "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? (Luke 14:28NIV) BGCH offers a complimentary session in which we can help you determine the rough cost for your new home. The cost of your land should also be considered, for a total project cost.

### **Loan Prequalification**

Once you have a rough cost in mind, it's time to check on financing. If you need a construction loan, contact BGCH to be referred to our preferred owner builder lender. While many banks will make a traditional construction loan, very few will make an owner builder loan, as it's considered high risk. BGCH has done the shopping for you and is approved by more than a dozen lenders in Texas for this type of loan. The banks trust the superb record of BGCH to guide clients through the process of building a new home to success.

## **Building Site**

The next step is to locate the site for your new home. BGCH has a special report on ideas to consider as you begin to look for land. [Click here to download.](#) Finding affordable land in Central Texas is not easy. BGCH maintains a list of realtors who specialize in helping clients find a building site. Contact us if you need assistance.

## **Plans**

Your next step is to begin to consider plans. While you may be able to visualize a home from a page in a plan book or on your computer screen, most home buyers cannot. BGCH recommends that you tour existing homes/model homes to identify features and rooms that meet your needs. Collecting some pictures can really help to communicate what you want in your new home. We offer a complimentary consultation to discuss your ideas for your new home. Contact us today to set a time for your no-obligation consultation.

Planning your new home does not have to be overwhelming. We are here to guide and assist you throughout the process. We've helped thousands of clients like you build an affordable energy efficient home. Our proven system and experienced consultants will guide you to success. Contact us now: [dennis@builtgreentx.com](mailto:dennis@builtgreentx.com) or click the link on our home page to schedule a time to talk.