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The Timber-Frame Home: Design, Construction, Finishing





Synopsis

Two decades ago, Tedd Benson helped kindle the dramatic rebirth of timber framing in this country. Today Benson and others are combining centuries-old timber-framing techniques with modern building materials to create houses that are as beautiful as they are durable and comfortable. In The Timber-Frame Home, Benson traces the history of the timber frame and tells how to create a new house in the tradition of old-world craftsmen. Today's timber-frame house presents unique building problems. Where do you put plumbing and wiring if you don't have stud-frame walls? How do you incorporate glass into the framing to create dramatic views? How do you insulate a timber-frame home? How do you ensure that the building meets codes? In this one-of-a-kind book, a master timber framer shares extensive experience solving these problems. This new edition brings the latest advances in timber framing to life with hundreds of full-color photos and rendered drawings -- all the information you need to join the timber-frame revival.

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Tedd Benson is the founder and owner of a post-and-beam construction firm in New Hampshire. A builder for ten years, he has specialized in timber framing for six.

This is a revision of an earlier book. Nothing really new here. It seems to be aimed as an "information manual" for the person undertaking the design of a timber frame house. As such, it is immensely useful and readable.

Good reference material and lots of great ideas.

This book is very useful if you are planning to build your own timber-frame home. This is true if you literally want to build it yourself, or if you want to subcontract the work. It gives information on dealing with critical issues such as: the foundation, wiring, plumbing, insulation, finish work and general design considerations. It's the best book I've seen for providing a detailed overview of the timber-frame building process.

From one of the best in the field, this is a beautiful book with lots of useful information and a lot of nice photos and details. I just love this book, if nothing else it will have you dreaming of having your own beautiful timber-framed home with a stunning view in a quiet country side location.

This is an amazing book, which gives a person true insight on the differences of each style of project. Ted covers the facets from design inception and goes through each stage, where a future home owner of a timber frame home can and will benefit greatly. It is a very good step by step book and one for the future home builder/ owner.

This is a great hard cover book. We are starting to research timber frame homes to build our own, and this book very informative and includes pictures. This book gave my husband some ideas that he hadn't considered yet, and that says a lot for a man who thinks about our new home every single day.

I bought this thinking it would have information for builders but it turned out to be a large and expensive brochure for the author's timber frame company. I kept reading and waiting for information on how to build a frame. I found it vague, full of theory, and sparse on practical information. So, if you would like to hire Mr. Benson to build your frame this book will show you what to expect from him and his company, but skip it if you are inclined to build your own frame and are looking for structural information, span tables for common timber framing species or detailed information on joinery.

The use of open space, fine craftsmanship, and fine woods make anyone appreciate the meaning of "getting it right". It shows the importance of integrating interior beauty with exterior views. The woodwork inside perfectly frames the beauty outside to produce natural art.

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