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Building Your Home: A Simple Guide To Making Good Decisions



Synopsis

In this smart and witty guide to building a home while keeping your sanity, architect Kristina Leigh Wiggins shares knowledge accumulated from years of experience as a project manager, and explains how to stay organized when creating or remodeling your home. With advice on topics ranging from maintaining communication with builders, architects and your spouse throughout a project, to commute planning, Wiggins leaves nothing out. *Building Your Home: A Simple Guide to Good Decisions* is filled with beautiful photos of homes, gardens and materials, sketches, and detachable pages and sections to pen in responses that make the book interactive and adaptable to any level of home building. Wiggins goes beyond just a check-list of how to build a home, helping the reader create a realistic and all-encompassing plan in order to achieve what they really want in a home. From pre-planning to moving in, this guide keeps you comfortably afloat the moving, building, or remodeling process that we all go through at some point.

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"This book is a great resource for anyone thinking about a building or remodeling project. With so many moving parts and things to consider during the process, Kristina Leigh's approach, and attention to detail, which considers lifestyle, daily routine and a master plan for the future gives homeowners and their building team critical background information to succeed." --Brent Hull - host, HISTORY's "Lone Star Restoration", owner and founder, Hull Historical and author of *Building a*

Timeless House in an Instant Age”I m all about keeping things simple and organized which is why I fell in love with Building Your Home: A Simple Guide to Making Good Decisions. From the stunning photos to the tips on budgeting and communication with contractors, Kristina Leigh covers it all!”
--Zabrina Hancock - Interior Stylist/Blogger, ZDesign At Home

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I absolutely love this book! It is so well written and easy to follow, especially for someone who has no idea where to begin in the complicated process of building a home. It is the most straight forward and comprehensive book on this topic I have ever read! A smart book, enjoyable to read with beautiful pictures!! Highly recommended!

This book does the work for you - it's incredible. It thinks ahead for you, to keep the decision making simple. I'm building a house, and used this book to guide me through the process. It would have been a completely different outcome had I not used this book. The worksheets make it simple, and Wiggins highlights danger zones and is always one step ahead. I can't recommend it enough.

I'm so happy with this book selection! Kristina brings all the hard decisions down to size and keeps it simple. There are so many tips in this book that you wouldn't even know to ask or wonder about. I was 100% prepared when meeting with our selected builder and architect. I feel much more comfortable and educated with this process. Thank you!!!!

When you decide to remodel your kitchen, bathroom or your whole house, this is the book to have!

This book gives you information on everything and the app that goes with the book gives you the ability to compare fixtures and features you may like side-by-side and take pictures of your favorite design keeping you organized!

Love this book!!!

I might be partial but I really like it! :)

I love this book! We are building a small extension for our house and it has been soo useful. It is simple to follow and thorough. I highly recommend it.

I wanted to love this book. Perhaps I went into it with too-high expectations. Throughout this book the author references her iPhone app and how that's the key to staying organized and making good decisions in the home building process. The book even includes numerous pictures of people using the app, or an iPhone to drive home the point. I did not realize when I bought the book that an iPhone was required to implement the ideas in the book. The author states that the app takes the place of a binder to organize information. It would have been very helpful if she had included instructions in the book for people who don't own an iPhone to create their own binder of information to stay organized. Also note that the app costs money, which is fine because it's probably a great app, but just be aware that the price of the book is not the full price because the book is incomplete without the app. The book has some great advice but it's spread fairly thin as a result of the 'workbook-style' text with lots of blank lines for you to fill in. In several places it also felt like the advice was focused at parents, particularly parents of young children. This would have been fine if there was also advice aimed at people who are anywhere else on the life-stages spectrum and seemed to be a glaring omission that there isn't any advice aimed at people who are interested in aging in place, especially since most people spend a whole lot more time being old than having young children at home. Alternatively, the book could be re-titled "Building your home for young children", or "A simple guide for parents to make good decisions". All in all, the book is ok. I'm just grumpy because it felt like a long advertisement for something I can't buy because I don't have an iPhone and while the author impresses on the reader the critical importance of staying organized she does not provide any real guidance on how to do that other than "buy my app!".

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