

Building a new home? Here's five ways to make it stress-free

Want to build a new home but worried about how stressful it may be? Our guide offers five top tips to help the process run as smoothly as possible - so that you can enjoy the rewarding experience of creating a brand new, customised home for you and your family.



1 Start from scratch

To ensure you're able to get the best end result, it's important to start the planning process with realistic expectations. This means understanding what your approximate budget to work with is, and being able to distinguish between 'needs' and 'wants'.

Begin by seeing what kind of subdivision developments are available or what sections are for sale and then do the numbers to start to form a picture of what could be achievable.

Stress-free tip: *Knowing what you can afford right at the start means you won't set yourself up with expectations that can't be met.*





Brainstorm key ideas

Here's your opportunity to tailor-design a home to suit both your lifestyle, and your practical requirements for now (and in the future). That's very exciting!

So collect ideas, write a list, put together a 'mood board' using images cut out from magazines and paint swatches from your local hardware store - you can also go online and start a Pinterest Board.

Not only are these all great for inspiration, they are also a great point of reference for your design team and tradespeople. Sometimes it is difficult to describe your vision to someone, so an actual image is extremely helpful!

Stress-free tip:

By being very clear about what you want in your home, there's less likely to be any frustration of it not turning out as you had planned.





Practicality in planning

Of course everyone has a dream home in mind - but not always the budget to create it - however what's important is that you design a house which is functional, comfortable and allows you to live the way you want to.

Think about things that will make your life easier, where you spend most of your time and what's important for you to have in a home. You can even look around where you currently live and point out things you would change if you could!

This is also about future plans too - such as how long you intend to live in the home, will you be growing your family or does it require special features for ageing occupants? It can be easy to just focus on your current requirements, but it is always smart to think ahead too.

Stress-free tip: *Show your plans to close family and friends - walk them through it to get a third-party perspective.*





Choosing your build team

To ensure you have a stress-free build, you need to select a team you can rely on every step of the way. Building a house is no quick job and whoever you choose will be working with you for many months.

Make a shortlist and then have a closer look at their past work. Is it of a high quality? Were their previous customers satisfied? Do they seem to understand both design and function? And never be afraid to ask the builder for references before you enter into a contract with them.

It's definitely not a decision to rush into, so take your time to get to know the people who could be building your home. Here at Precise Builders, we're always happy to meet for a coffee to chat about anything - even the weather!

You also want to make sure they are qualified and registered as Licensed Building Practitioners.

Stress-free tip:

Check that whoever you choose is able to offer a guarantee of their workmanship.

Here at Precise Builders, every home we build comes with New Zealand's most comprehensive 10-year residential guarantee.





Stay in touch

Communication is absolutely key when building a new home. Chat to your project manager and see if you're able to do regular site visits, or even book in a time each week to get progress reports over the phone.

We have a project management system that allows for real time communication with our team at Precise Builders, as well as online access to your job. Through this portal you can view photos that we regularly take of the home being built, and keep up to date with schedules and timeframes to check everything is on track.

Stress-free tip:

Just like any relationship, keeping in regular contact will help to establish approachability, open communication, confidence and trust, and minimise the risk of any misunderstandings during the build.



We've been building homes for over 20 years and even to this day, nothing beats that moment of handing over the keys and watching our clients walk into their new home.

If you're keen to know how we could help you build your dream home? We'd love to hear from you. Get in touch on 027 805 7763.

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