

HOW TO: BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

From envisioning your ideal space to navigating the design and construction process, we cover everything you need to know in these 25 steps!

Discover tips on choosing the right location, creating a functional layout, selecting materials, and working with builders and contractors. Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or looking to customize your forever home, this guide will equip you with the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions every step of the way.

Explore these 25 steps to building your dream home; based on a recent listing that we had the pleasure of selling on Douch Rd in Ohaupo, we worked closely with the Handcraft Homes team, who built this beautiful masterpiece, to compile the critical steps to building your dream home!



01: SECURE LAND

TIP: Keep the following in-mind when looking:

- Views.
- Location.
- Space for living & children / guests.

02: SECURE YOUR BUILDER

TIP: Great builders and their sub-trades book up fast, so we always recommend that you organise this early.

03: CREATE A VISION BOARD

Designed to help keep you on-track with design & budget. Also a great way to visualise your chosen colours & textures to ensure that they work seamlessly.

04: MEET YOUR ARCHITECT

Remember to take your vision board & discuss your non-negotiables.

05: GET CREATIVE

Finalise your roof, joinery and cladding colours.

TIP: Your Project Manager should take you to each suitable supplier to help with your design choices.



06: BEHIND THE SCENES

- Electrical Plans.
- Kitchen & Wardrobe Plans.

07: SUBMIT TO COUNCIL

After submitting your plans to Council, sit-back and continue generating inspo!

TIP: Your Builder & Architect will deal with all council concerns & changes.

08: FOUNDATIONS

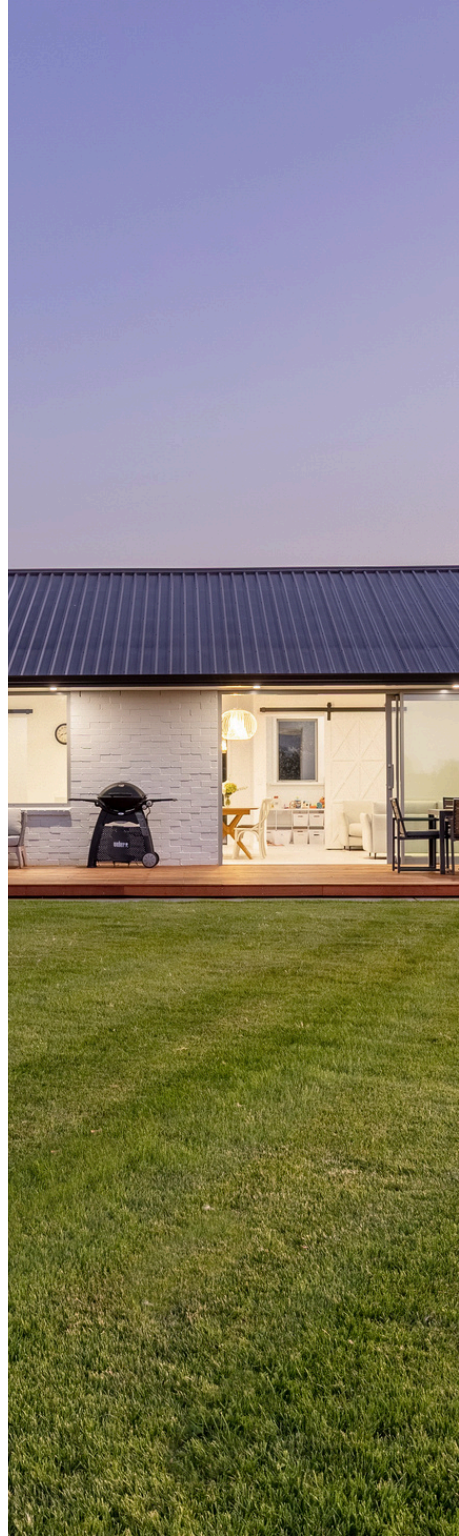
Finally, it's time to create your house site and let the foundations prep begin, ready for concreting.

09: FRAMING

An exciting time - the standing of frames and trusses.

10: ROOFING

Here's to the first pop of colour, coming to life!



11: REVISIT VISION BOARD

Now that the build is well underway, jump back into the vision board and ensure that it's up-to-date.

If changes are made, ensure that your Project Manager is aware.

12: FINALISE EXTERNAL COLOURS

Finalise, those cladding colour choices, unless you're opting to paint your new home. You'll also need to confirm your roof & joinery colours.

13: LANDSCAPE VISION BOARD

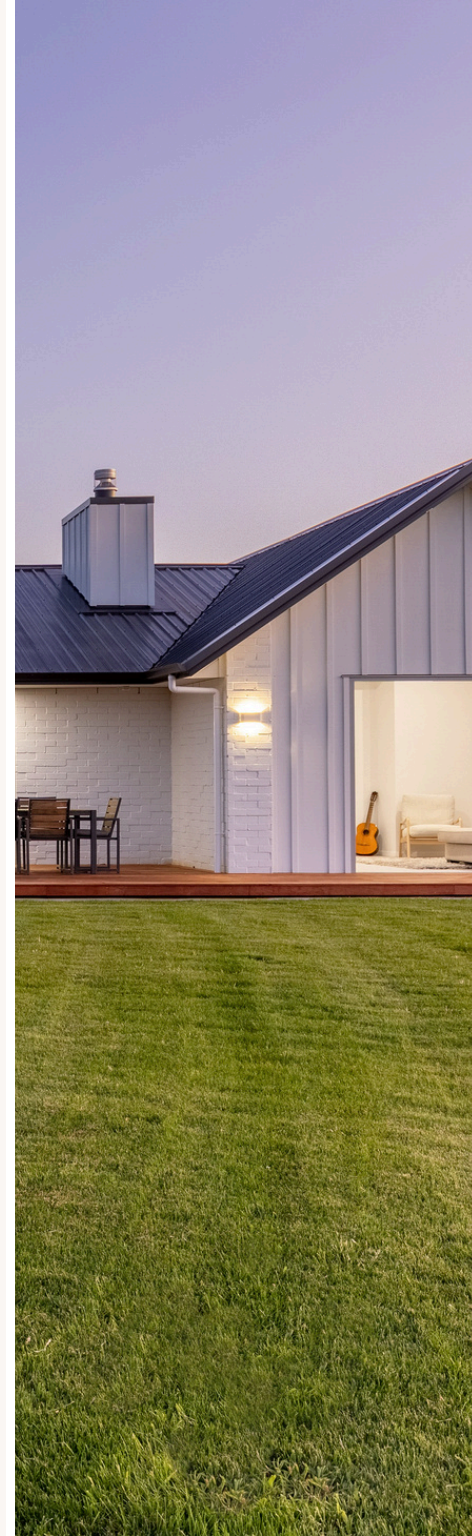
Whilst there's still a lot to go, it's a good time to start looking at landscape design options.

14: CLADDING

Finally, it's starting to look like a home, sit back and watch it all come together.

15: WALK-THROUGH

Take a walk-through your home to ensure that the layout and functionality is what you'd planned.



16: SPARKY WALK-THROUGH

Organise a walk-through with your Electrician to confirm and/or make any changes.

TIP: This is also the time to confirm if you wish to purchase any pendants and/or outside lights.

17: BEHIND THE SCENES

The Plumber & Drain Layers will be continuing to work whilst your Builders will also be straightening all your ceiling and walls, getting ready for GIB.

18: DECKING

Catch-up with your Builder to confirm where you'd like your decks (if any) and their sizes.

19: GIBBING & PLASTERING

There's nothing better than brand new walls - enjoy!

20: KITCHEN DESIGN

It's time to start designing your dream kitchen - Pinterest is a great source to find inspiration.



21: INTERIOR PAINTING

Revisit the vision boards and make those final paint colour decisions.

22: FLOORING

It's time to make the final decision on your flooring!

23: FIT OFF & CLEANING

All the Tradies will fit off, getting you closer to that 'Move in; day!'

24: LANDSCAPING

Weather permitting, now is the perfect time to consider landscaping your property as the tradies are finishing up and you're getting closer to moving in.

25: MOVE IN!

It's officially time to move in and enjoy your stunning new home!





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