

Questions for the Media

Screw It! I'll Be My OWN Contractor, by Bill Trimble

1. What are the responsibilities of being an owner/builder?
2. Besides saving money, why would anyone want to be their own contractor?
3. What's the downside of being an owner/builder? What's the upside?
4. Who do you hire first and why?
5. How many subcontractors does one need on a job?
6. What is the best way to go about hiring qualified independent trade contractors like painters and plumbers?
7. How does one find out what the going rate is for independent trade contractors?
8. How can an owner/builder determine if their budget is realistic?
9. Should an owner/builder take out a loan to build a dream home? If so, what's the best way to do that?
10. There's a lot of talk about Green Building. What's the advantage of this and is it more expensive?