

Building The Dream*

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THE TOP 25 BUILDING TRENDS FOR 2016

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FUN HOUSE
Slides, rock-climbing walls, and more!

* We surveyed Dallas' premier builders who weighed in on everything from cat cubbies to top-secret safe rooms.

3 GOOD ENERGY

Minimizing a home's energy consumption has become a priority among clients building a new house. Standard efficiency features for Avida Custom Homes' David and Rozie Samei include foam insulation, tankless water heaters with recirculating pumps,

high-efficiency air and heating systems, and insulated clad wood windows. "Geothermal heating and cooling can be three times as efficient as a traditional HVAC system," says Joe Jackson. "Another benefit is that the system is subterranean, so nothing is visible."

We present our annual list of the city's Best Builders who highlight the top 25 building trends for 2016. From space planning to outdoor living to those custom conveniences you didn't know you couldn't live without, in today's new sanctuaries you never have to leave the comforts of your home. But with an in-house salon, bowling alley, Pilates studio, and fully stocked wine cave, why would you want to?

19 GIMME SHELTER

"For some clients, we've built secret rooms—encased in steel and concealed behind an unassuming bookshelf that open to reveal a door with a keypad entry. Uses have ranged from security and storm shelters to playrooms."

JOE JACKSON, *The Newport Group*



The Best Builders in Dallas 2016

These 126 local builders were voted the best in dallas by their peers.**

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| <p>Alford Homes*
American Legend Homes</p> <p>AndersonSargent Custom Builder
ArTex Development</p> <p>Atrium Fine Homes
Atwood Custom Homes</p> <p>Avida Custom Homes
Barclay Custom Homes</p> <p>Barnett West
Bauhaus Custom Homes*</p> <p>Bella Custom Homes
Bella Vita Custom Homes</p> <p>Bob Bobbitt Custom Homes
Bob Thompson Homes</p> <p>Booth Brothers Homes
Brayden Homes</p> <p>BufordHawthorne Homebuilders
Calais Custom Homes</p> <p>Caprock Custom Construction
Chapman Custom Homes</p> <p>Charles A. Barnett III
Classic Urban Homes*</p> <p>Clayton Kennedy Construction
Cleve Adamson Custom Homes</p> <p>Coats Homes
Craft Barnett Homes</p> <p>Creekview Custom Homes
Cresswell Custom Builders*</p> <p>Crow Bar Constructors
Custom Homes of Texas</p> <p>Danes Custom Homes
Dave R. Williams Homes</p> <p>Davis Signature Homes
Desco Fine Homes*</p> <p>Ellen Grasso & Sons
Ellerman Homes</p> <p>Ferrier Custom Homes
Garrett Brothers Luxury Homes</p> <p>Garvey Homes
George C. Fuller Custom Homes</p> <p>George Davis & Associates
George Lewis Custom Homes</p> <p>George Welch Custom Homes
Goff Custom Homes</p> <p>Gordon Todd Builders
Greico Modern Homes</p> | <p>Halifax Homes
Hawkins-Welwood Homes</p> <p>Hayes Signature Homes
Hensley Premier Builders</p> <p>Highland Classic Homes
Höebeke Builders</p> <p>Hoffmann Homes
Holmes Builders</p> <p>J. Stiles Homes
J. D. Smith Custom Homes</p> <p>Jason Carter Custom Homes
Jered Custom Homes</p> <p>Jerry Carter Homes
Jim Johnson Homes</p> <p>JLD Custom Homes
Joe Kain Homes</p> <p>John Young Construction
Joseph Paul Homes</p> <p>Keen Homes
Key Residential*</p> <p>Kienast Homes
Kleber Custom Homes</p> <p>Laguna Homes
Larry Hartman Construction</p> <p>Larry Stewart Custom Homes
LeComte Group*</p> <p>LRO Residential*
M. Christopher and Company</p> <p>Malone Custom Builders
Mark Clifton Homes</p> <p>McCowen-Sainton Custom Home Builders
McKinley Built Homes</p> <p>Mike Foster Custom Homes
Mishler Builders</p> <p>Montgomery Custom Homes
More Design + Build</p> <p>Mullinix Custom Homes
Nix Group</p> <p>Noble Classic Homes
Ogden Custom Homes</p> <p>Oxbridge Custom Homes
Peckham Custom Builders</p> <p>Platinum Series by Mark Molthan
Provenance Builders</p> <p>Registry Fine Homes
Richard Dietrichson Fine Homes</p> | <p>Rick Shipley Custom Homes
Robert Elliott Custom Homes</p> <p>Ron McHam Homes
Rosewood Custom Builders</p> <p>Ryan Hartman Signature Homes
Savannah Developers</p> <p>Sebastian Construction Group
Shaddock Caldwell Builders & Developers</p> <p>Shaddock Homes
Sharif & Munir Custom Homes</p> <p>Simmons Estate Homes
Southgate Homes</p> <p>Sterling Brook Custom Homes
Steve Roberts Luxury Homes</p> <p>Stout General Contracting
Susan Newell Custom Homes</p> <p>Tatum Brown Custom Homes
Texas Andersen Homes</p> <p>The Ed Jarrett Company
The G.G. Cain Company</p> <p>The Hill Group
The Newport Group</p> <p>The Vaughan Group
Thomas Development and Construction</p> <p>Thomas Signature Homes
Tim Jackson Custom Homes*</p> <p>Tim Seymore Custom Homes
Tommy Ford Construction</p> <p>Trademark Custom Homes
Victor Myers Custom Homes*</p> <p>Victory Custom Homes
Westchester Custom Homes</p> <p>Williamsburg Custom Homes
Zachary Custom Homes</p> |
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*Denotes a winner of a 2015 Dallas Builders Association ARC Award, a program that recognizes excellence for associates, remodelers, and custom builders.

** This list is a result of a peer-based survey, mailed to more than 1,000 area builders in the winter of 2015, requesting them to select the top builders in Dallas. The resulting list reflects the companies and individuals who received the most votes from their peers. It does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editors or the publishers of *D Home*.