

Blueprint For Success: Part Two

Get into the nitty-gritty construction of your barn, from excavating the site to the final details and amenities.

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After reading Blueprint for Success: Part One, the vision of your dream barn is starting to take shape. As covered, you've planned your budget and gotten the financing in order. You've determined the style of barn and plans are in place. Now all you have to do is build it.

Once you've chosen a builder for your new barn, signed the contract and agreed to a start date, you're probably anxious to get underway. Here is a rough summary of the processes involved in building your barn; however, be mindful that every construction project has its own individual challenges.

Site Work

Excavation work is the first part of the on-site building process. [Read more >>](#)

Delivery of Materials

Several flatbed trucks turning onto your property will give you the first view of your new barn. [Read more >>](#)

Foundation

A secure, level foundation is one of the most crucial elements of your barn. [Read more >>](#)

Aisles and Walkways

The best floor surface for the barn aisle is slightly roughened concrete. [Read more >>](#)

Stall Floors

Stall floors can be roughened cement, dirt, clay, asphalt, crushed limestone, sand or wood. [Read more >>](#)

Framing

Most horse barns today are post-frame buildings. [Read more >>](#)

Wiring

The first on-site wiring will be covered cables strung across the ground and connected to an outside electric power box. [Read more >>](#)

Plumbing

Water is the lifeline of every horse operation. [Read more >>](#)

Insulation

The necessity for barn insulation is somewhat controversial among horse owners. [Read more >>](#)

Roofing

Obviously, choosing a fireproof and water shedding roof to eliminate structural damage is more important than aesthetics. [Read more >>](#)

Doors and Windows

Your choices for doors and windows are limited only by the amount of money you spend, with many custom choices available. [Read more >>](#)

Stalls

Custom stall manufacturers make it easier than ever to build sturdy, safe, long-lasting, beautiful stalls in your new barn. [Read more >>](#)

Tack Room

This area should be roomy, functional, organized and secure. [Read more >>](#)

Wash Rack

A wash rack is practical for owners who show, breed and sell, or compete with their horses. [Read more >>](#)

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