

Framing

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If you are building a beam and rafter barn, beams are attached to the tops of columns to support the roof framing; however, for most bigger barns, pre-manufactured roof trusses are lifted into place by cranes and secured to the anchored foundation columns.