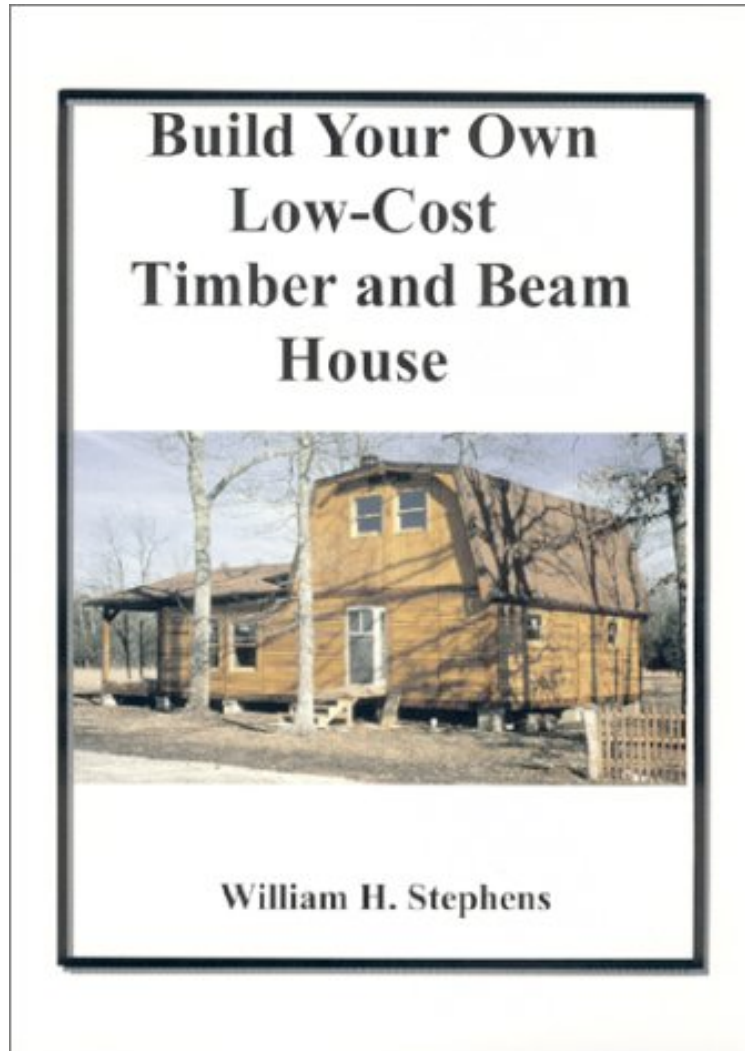


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How To Build Your Own Low- Cost Timber and Beam House provides step-by-step directions from finding logs to finishing the house. I built a 1200 square foot house for \$22,000, during 1992-5. Chapter 1 tells how I located my land, chose tools, and located the logs. I purchased a small sawmill, which I tell how to use, even how to cut the siding used on the house; also how to lay a foundation and get utilities. Chapter 2: How to construct the sill and floor beams. Chapter 3: How to design the house you want, using my own as illustration, then how to construct the first- story walls using simple equipment, including the hardware I used and methods of raising the wall frames with door and window frames as part of the structure. Chapter 4: How to frame the second story. I present several design options, then describe my experience with the barn style I choose. Here you'll learn how to design and raise the ridgepole, construct the barn style rafters, and set them in place. Chapter 5: How to apply the roof decking and roof. Chapter 6: How to dry in the structure and how I proceeded by laying flooring and installing siding alternately. I describe types of wall sheathing (e.g. blackboard or aluminized) and how to finish the framing for doors and windows. Chapter 7: Details about how to make and apply exterior siding from the log supply using a small sawmill, after a brief description of types of siding options, including how to install the siding for both the first and second stories. Chapter 8: How to finish the interior, including constructing a stairway, installing plumbing and fixtures, installing electrical wiring and fixtures, wall treatments, kitchen cabinets, and floor finishing such as tile. The book contains 21 color photos and 30 diagrams. Pb, 132 pp.

From the Publisher "Build Your Own Low-Cost Timber and Beam House" is so clearly written--and written from experience--that anyone with basic skills in using tools can build their own house. While the author gives details about his own house plan, he also offers design alternatives. Diagrams are well-done and helpful, and the photos clearly show the results of the work. From the Author I had always wanted to build a log or timber and beam house. My first project was a one-room log cabin, 12 x 16, which my family thoroughly enjoyed for several years. But we realized the interior was darker than we preferred, and so we drifted toward the timber and beam construction, which allows for a variety of interior finishes while retaining the beauty of exposed wood beams. We love the result and I hope the book helps you realize your dream of building your own house.