



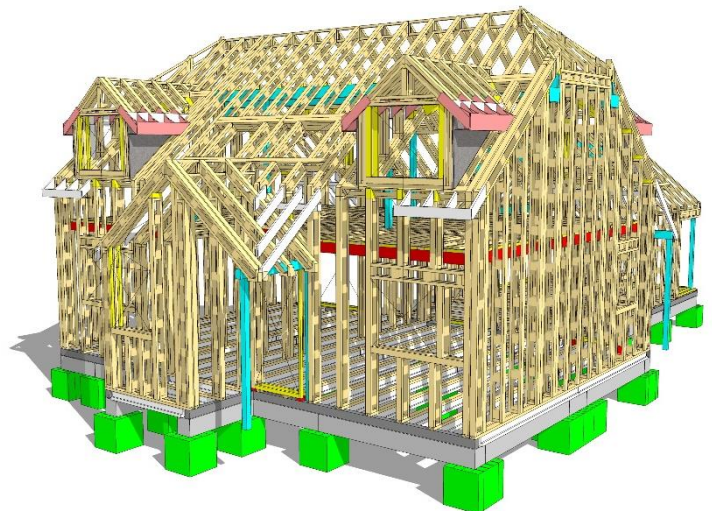
# Our Self-Build Column

## How to plan the perfect self build

Whatever the size or style your unique self build home will be, there is no doubt that the key to the success of any project, in addition to managing both budget and the inevitable stress, lies in the planning and detail. Get this right and you're halfway there.

So how best to get started and where should you focus your efforts? Self builds are both hugely rewarding and intricate so it's best to be as prepared as possible. Research is vital and can be carried out in a number of ways. Fortunately we have the power of the internet to research virtually every tiny detail of planning a project from tips on submitting planning applications down to the latest design of high tech nuts and bolts. We have also seen the rise of online portals and forums where groups of similarly enthusiastic self builders join forces to share knowledge and expertise, as well as common pitfalls to avoid. All extremely vital for a well-oiled plan to project manage the build from start to finish and certainly worth the time to investigate and be part of.

In addition to online information hubs, there are numerous publications and magazines providing hands-on advice from laying foundations to finding the perfect kitchen sink. Magazines such as Build It, Homebuilding & Renovating and Passivhaus Plus often feature detailed case studies where you can witness the build unfold and hear directly from the owners on the ups and downs of their project, a breakdown of the budget, plus top tips to follow.



However planning the perfect self build also takes leg-work and in the UK we are fortunate to have many excellent events and exhibitions taking place across the country which provide the pro-active self builder with a wide ranging source of information all under one roof.

Furthermore, these events are hugely beneficial as you can discuss your own project with potential suppliers and contractors face to face, often where the self build partnership begins. Beattie Passive attends all the key self build events throughout the year and often have complementary tickets, so do get in touch!

To read the blog on the EDP property website [Click Here](#)