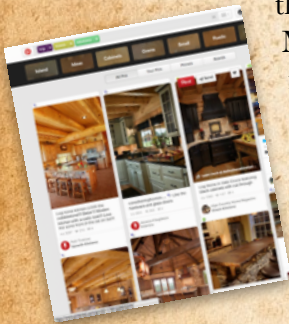


Six Tips FOR RESEARCHING LOG & TIMBER HOMES

Surf with Purpose – There are so many places to get ideas and information, online. Some of the best are websites, blogs, online event calendars and social media sites operated by log home companies, wood home magazines and industry associations. Pinterest features thousands of ideas and photos. Many catalogs and magazines are free to read or download on issuu.com. YouTube videos show tours and more. Live webinars are usually free and offer real-time interaction with the speaker.

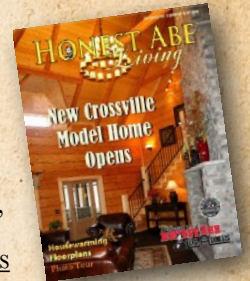


Chat with Homeowners and Builders – Open house events or construction site tours offer opportunities to experience homes being built or to go inside finished homes not usually open to the public and to ask the owners or builders to share their experiences and answer questions.



Meet the Makers – Log home companies operate model homes open for touring in many locations. Here's where you can see the quality of their products, talk with their representatives and see if their company would be a good fit for your project. Be sure to ask if they offer tours of their manufacturing facility. *Hint:* Not all manufacturers have strict quality standards, log grading programs, construction manuals and agree to a code of ethics. Always ensure a company you are considering is a member of the Log & Timber Homes Council of the NAHB and has a good BBB rating.

Read all About It – National log and timber magazines, like Log Home Living and Log Cabin Homes, individual manufacturers publications, like Honest Abe Living, and log home suppliers' guides, like Perma-Chink Systems Wood Care Resource, provide product information, home features, industry news stories, floor plans, photos and trends.



Scrapbook Your Dreams – Keep an idea book, either a physical binder or an electronic file (or both), that you can use to show your home designer exactly what you want and discuss with your sales representative how your dreams can work with your current budget and with your long-range plan.



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