



RIVENDALE HOMES

CUSTOM HOME BUILDING TIMELINE

■ **Step 1. Initial Consultation and an Early Estimate**

A no-cost, no-obligation conversation to see if we're the right builder for your home. After the consultation, we prepare an initial cost estimate based on homes we've already built, scaled to the size and level of finish you have in mind.

■ **Step 2. The Builder Consulting Agreement**

The Builder Consulting Agreement covers pre-construction — the architectural plans, detailed selections, and engineered specifications that make your home ready to build. Because you pay for that work, the plans are yours: when pre-construction wraps, you can sign a construction contract with us or take your completed design to another builder, with no obligation either way.

■ **Step 3. Land Evaluation & Architectural Design** **(Steps 3-5 take an estimated 3-5 months)**

Before design begins, your builder and architect walk the site together, because what your lot allows shapes everything that follows — what you can build, where it sits, and what it costs. We study slope and topography. We also arrange geotechnical soil testing.

■ **Step 4. Review Architectural Design**

Starting with conceptual [bubble diagrams](#) to set direction and moving into detailed [3D renderings](#), we refine your home while drawing on 30-plus years of cost data to show how design choices affect price — so you understand what your home will cost before construction begins.

■ **Step 5. Introduction Meeting with Interior Designer**

The designer works closely with the client to understand their style, preferences, and priorities.



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■ **Step 6. Selections, Pricing, and Permits (3-5 months)**

After the plans are finalized, our interior designer guides you through every selection, our purchasing team bids the work out into an itemized budget — often 10–20% below other builders through strong vendor relationships and our [lean building system](#) — and we manage all permitting on your behalf.

■ **Step 7. Prepare for Construction & The Construction Contract**

When pre-construction wraps, the choice is yours: sign the [building contract](#) and begin construction, or step away with the design you've paid for. With scope, cost, and process clearly defined, you move into building with few surprises — and once the contract is signed and your construction loan is funded, construction officially begins.

■ **Step 8. Meet the Construction Team**

As construction begins, Ben introduces you to VP of Construction [Gama Cancino](#), who walks you through the 9–12 month build and how you'll stay informed throughout — weekly or biweekly progress updates, monthly budget reviews, and regular photos, videos, and on-site walkthroughs. He also provides a milestone-based schedule, so you always know when your home is expected to move through each major phase of construction.

■ **Step 9-12: Construction (9-12 months)** **continued on next page...**



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■ Order of Construction

From foundation to finish, your build follows a clear order. Here's what to expect:

Site Preparation — Clearing, grading, and temporary utilities.

Foundation — Forms set, poured, and cured. First inspection milestone.

Framing — Floors, walls, and roof structure go up. The first time your home looks like a home.

Dried-In — Roofing, windows, and exterior doors seal the home from weather. Now work moves inside, rain or shine.

Rough-Ins — Electrical, plumbing, and HVAC go in before the walls close. Inspections at this stage.

Insulation & Drywall — The open frame becomes defined rooms.

Finishes — Cabinets, countertops, flooring, tile, and trim inside; siding, stone, and stucco outside. The longest stretch, and where it starts to feel like yours.

Paint — Walls, ceilings, and trim in their final color.

Fixtures & Appliances — Lighting, plumbing fixtures, hardware, and appliances.

Hardscape & Landscaping — Driveways, walkways, patios, and planting.

Final Inspections & Keys — Certificate of occupancy and final approvals. Your home is complete.



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■ Step 13. Final Walk-through and Punch List

■ Step 14. Final Verification

Clients complete a final walk to confirm everything has been completed as promised.

■ Step 15. Closing Day and Key Handover

What to Expect After Move-In

We see warranty service and long-term support as a direct reflection of how we treat our clients. Every home comes with a written warranty with clearly defined coverage and performance standards. Making a request is simple — just fill out the form on our website. And the work is handled by the same in-house Rivendale team that built your home.

Ready to Start the Process?

Go online to www.rivendalehomestexas.com, click on the consultation button and fill out the form, email our team at sales@rivendalehomestexas.com or give us a call at (512) 865-5369.

