

# owner built

OWNER BUILDING-AH, THE JOYS OF DOING EVERYTHING YOURSELVES.

THE MAIN REASON PEOPLE TAKE ON THE TASK OF OWNER-BUILDING IS TO SAVE MONEY. WITH THE RIGHT HELP, YOU CAN SAVE A BUNDLE-FROM 20% TO AS MUCH AS 60%.

IF YOU'VE BEEN FRUSTRATED TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET THAT NEW DOME HOME YOU NEED AND WANT WITHOUT PAYING AN ARM AND A LEG TO A CONTRACTOR, POSSIBLY THIS IS THE BUILDING METHOD FOR YOU.

IT WILL REQUIRE A MAJOR COMMITMENT FROM YOURSELVES. IT WILL BE ALL CONSUMING. AT TIMES YOU'LL BE READY TO QUIT. IT WILL TAX YOUR MARRIAGE OR ANY RELATIONSHIP.

HOWEVER, AS YOU COMPLETE THE BUILDING TASKS YOU WILL GAIN A FEELING OF CONFIDENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT'S HARD TO IMAGINE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN EXPERT CARPENTER TO BUILD OUR DOME HOME.

YOU CAN CUT OUT YOUR OWN STRUTS-THERE ARE NO ANGLE CUTS INVOLVED. YOU CAN ATTACH OUR PATENTED SLEEVE TO THE STRUT YOURSELF-WE SUPPLY YOU WITH A BOLT HOLE DRILLING TEMPLATE. THEN WE SUPPLY ALL THE CORRECT PLATED NUTS AND BOLTS. WE SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE A JIG FOR THE SUPER-WALD DOUBLE STRUT FABRICATION. WE SHOW YOU HOW TO CUT THE TRIANGLES FROM REGULAR 4X8 3/4 T#6 PLYWOOD. ALL OF THIS IS CLEARLY SHOWN IN OUR 250 PAGE CONSTRUCTION MANUAL.

THE NATURAL SPACES SUPER-LOK HUB SYSTEM IS A SIMPLE BOLT TOGETHER, SELF-ALIGNING PATENTED BUILDING SYSTEM FOR DOMES. IT IS SO SIMPLE THAT YOUR BUILDING CREW CAN PUT UP THE FRAMEWORK IN ONE DAY. THE TRIANGLE PANELS TAKE AN ADDITIONAL 2 DAYS (DEPENDING ON SIZE OF DOME). THE RENTAL OF AN INEXPENSIVE AIR NAIL GUN MAKES THE PANEL APPLICATION A BREEZE.

WHERE DO YOU BEGIN? PROBABLY AT THE OWNER-BUILDER DOME SCHOOL. WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO FABRICATE DOME PARTS, THEN TAKE THESE PARTS AND BUILD A SECTION OF A DOME FROM THE FOUNDATION UP THRU THE INSULATION, INTERIOR PANELS AND MUCH MORE.

THINK ABOUT IT-THEN WRITE OR CALL US.



# owner - contracted



OWNER-CONTRACTING LITERALLY MEANS THAT YOU TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR: YOU HIRE THE SUB-CONTRACTORS; YOU ORDER AND COORDINATE MATERIALS AND LABOR; YOU MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS DOING THEIR JOB; YOU ALSO SOMETIMES PICK UP AND DELIVER MATERIALS.

YOU TAKE CARE OF THE CONSTRUCTION LOAN; TAKE OUT DRAWS ON IT; PAY LABOR AND MATERIAL BILLS AND GET LIEN WAIVERS.

YOU TAKE CARE OF THE BUILDING PERMIT. YOU ALSO GET TO DEAL WITH THE INSPECTORS ON THE JOBSITE.

AND WHAT DO YOU GAIN FROM ALL THIS BESIDES THE BIGGEST DOME HEADACHE YOU EVER HAD? MONETARILY YOU WILL SAVE AT LEAST 10% TO AS MUCH AS 30% OF YOUR PROJECT COSTS - ASSUMING YOU'VE DONE YOUR HOMEWORK. YOU'LL ALSO GAIN CONTROL OVER ALL THE DECISIONS BEING MADE. WE DIDN'T SAY THAT YOU WOULD GAIN CONTROL, JUST THAT YOU WOULD BE THE ONE TO MAKE ALL OF THE JOB DECISIONS. INSTEAD OF NOT KNOWING WHY SOMETHING WAS INSTALLED WRONG OR WAS SOOFTED UP, YOU WOULD BE IN ON THE INITIAL DECISION AND FIND OUT WHY IT COULDN'T BE DONE THE WAY YOU FIRST WANTED IT. YOU DO NEED TO MAINTAIN YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR.

OWNER-CONTRACTING ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE SOME CHANGES AS YOU GO, WITHOUT THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SCREAMING AT YOU, WANTING TO CHARGE DOUBLE FOR THE CRAZY IDEA YOU HAD.

SOMETIMES YOU CAN MAKE A DEAL WITH SUBCONTRACTORS TO ASSIST THEM TO KEEP THEIR COSTS DOWN. YOU CAN HIRE YOURSELF TO DO THE THINGS YOU KNOW HOW TO DO OR WANT TO DO.

COUPLESSOMETIMES THEY WORK VERY WELL AT THIS JOB BECAUSE IT USUALLY TAKES TWO OR THREE PEOPLE TO REPLACE ONE GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

