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# TIMBERPEG Post

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## Creating a Place to Call Home

Jacqueline and Lee have seen and lived in all kinds of houses as they have traveled throughout the world with their military commitment. The varying construction styles and techniques have captured their attention and have created a vision for their own house. While many of the architectural styles would not necessary blend into a US setting, they did however, learn what quality construction looks like.

Living so away from their roots and family also helped Jacqueline and Lee define what is important to them; that is, giving their kids a place to call 'home.' That's right, not just a house, but a respite. For Jacqueline and Lee, that meant creating a quality home that would stand for generations. That was warm, inviting, and low maintenance. So what did this vision of warmth and quality look like to them?

Jacqueline and Lee became enamored by the century old timber framed homes of Europe. For them, seeing the natural warmth and rich variability of the wood inside these homes gave them a feeling of awe. "It's very calming to get away and enjoy nature," says Lee. "So to bring that indoors with the use of timbers and tongue and groove paneling feels surreal."

Also important was to create a place where their kids could call home. "Having to move every couple of years can be very unsettling to a child. We want our children to have one place they will always remember as home.
A place near relatives where fond memories can be created." So they settled on Lake Hickory in their hometown of Hickory, NC.

Jacqueline and Lee were not looking for a big retreat in today's standards. They wanted to create a cozy place in the woods. They also had an aggressive budget which drove the style and size of the home. But for them, this home was more about quality than size, and more about atmosphere than statement.

For them, like most Timberpeg® home-owners, quality started with service. Having never built a custom home before, they did not know how to get started. They also had not purchased any land. So finding the right lot that would fit their vision was important. Upon narrowing down the available options, they solicited the advice of their local Timberpeg® Representative, Bruce Hafley, who was able to evaluate and advise them on the lot's building feasibility. For example, would the lot demand expensive excavation, retaining walls, site work? How might their current vision of a home fit on this lot? Would their neighbors be on top of them? Would they be able to enjoy their views of the lake from inside?

Service continued through a long distance custom design effort across the ocean. "Once we purchased the lot, Bruce was able to lead us through design options that both fit into and challenged our vision," comments Lee. "Most importantly, he was always cognizant of our tight budget and tried to keep us reigned in."

Having seen a variety of building materials on homes throughout the world, Jacqueline and Lee grew to understand how important the use of quality building materials and sound construction practices was. "We got to see and live in homes that were hundreds of years old. Then we would visit the States and become disenchanted about how most homes were being built. We wanted to know that only the best quality materials and building practices were going into our home. And once we discovered Timberpeg®, we knew we had found a match."

"We are going to be building long distance and can't be at the site much, so wanting to ensure the builder isn't cutting corners is important to us," says Lee. So by having Timberpeg® provide the critical materials that are exposed to the elements: windows, doors, siding, and roofing, "we know we are getting the best before the construction process even begins. With all the unknowns and decisions to make during the construction process, this gave us an early level of comfort."

How would you go about creating a place to call home?

## In the Works

Hickory, NC - Jacqueline and Lee could not be more excited! Their waterfront lot has been cleared and the walkout basement dug on their new retreat. They knew it would be at least a year until they could break ground because they moved carefully through the design and bidding process. This thoroughness will pay dividends in the end.

The three story retreat features three bedrooms with a loft for the kids. The open floor plan on the first floor facilitates fellowship with the family while enjoying views of the lake. The rear deck and side screen porch will allow them to enjoy their views more intimately. They look forward to coming into town later this fall to help erect the first timber - a Timberpeg Carolina tradition.

## TECH ★ NIQUES

Are you trying to envision how a timber framed home might work for you? Are you concerned a Timberpeg® may be too rustic? Inside? Outside? The range of looks you can achieve with your Timberpeg® is wide.

One of the best ways to determine if a Timberpeg® is for you, is to exper-ience one in person. That's why our homeowners are so gracious to open up their homes - because they remember when another Timberpeg® owner opened up their home when they were just beginning. Creating your own Timberpeg® is a journey. And you begin that journey be creating your personal vision. What better way than to visit some Timberpeg's?

When you begin to collect your design ideas, you may find it useful to see how someone else's home may be configured to capture vistas, utilize floor space, and create transitions between rooms. If it's a finished home, what a great opportunity to experience the warmth and comfort of a Timberpeg® . See how someone has chosen to decorate, select paint and stain colors, and to configure furniture. You also get to see the level of quality materials that go into a Timberpeg® – timbers, siding, roofing. Even if the home is still under construction, you can learn a lot. Many clients like to understand how sound building practices and high grade materials are incorporated into the home from the ground up. Often times, you can't see these once a home is complete.

Along with collecting ideas, you'll generate a lot of questions. That's ok because the Timberpeg® repre-sentative is onsite to show you around and address questions. Additionally, the homeowners are often onsite and are usually eager to field questions. From the homeowners, you get to learn firsthand about their experiences to design and construct a custom Timberpeg® home.

## OUR MISSION

Provide casually elegant living environments, combining the natural warmth and tradition of timber framing with the highest quality materials and attention to details – reflecting the lifestyle and function desired by each Timberpeg homeowner.

## BEAMING★RECOMMENDATIONS

***"We really appreciate the fact that the Timberpeg representative is looking out for our best interests."***

**Jill • Timberpeg Homeowner • Marion, NC**

***"You can look at photos of Timberpeg's all day. But once you step in one, you know this is what you want."***

**Kisten • Timberpeg Homeowner • Mooresville, NC**

## Touch of Excellence

Are the aesthetics of tightly fitting timber joints important to you? Timberpeg® takes great pride in creating tight joinery. We still use the
traditional joinery methods of the early settlers – mortise and tenon, while effectively marrying the modern day accuracy of computer controlled equipment. Because our homes are treated as large pieces of furniture, the accuracy provided by this equipment to cut the intricate angles really showcases the fine craftsmanship of a Timberpeg®. It's in the joints, specifically the angled joints, that true timber framing beauty is revealed. This accuracy, however, goes beyond the aesthetics; it assists the builder in ensuring the frame is assembled perfectly.