



# A FOUR STEP PLAN TO A SUCCESSFUL TIMBER FRAME PROJECT

Your ready to take on a timber frame project,  
but where do you begin?

This four step process is the key to creating a successful timber frame project, from planning to production.

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## **STEP 1**

Gather information and interview companies you think might be a good fit for you.

Goal: To collect good, solid information and find a company you can trust and you have good communication.

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## **STEP 2**

(Assumes Arrow has established trust and communication skills)

- Establish Rough Goals/Scope of Work
- Establish a Budget
- Establish a Time Frame
- Establish a Planning Agreement

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## **STEP 3**

- Weigh Pros & Cons of Your Design Options
- Refine Your Chosen Design
- Further Modifications as Required
- Approve Design

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## **STEP 4**

- Establish Construction Agreement
- Order Timbers and Start Shop Drawings
- Fabricate Timbers
- Erect Your Timber Frame
- Live Happily Ever After
- How Do I Get Started?



**People want things which reflect their personality.  
People want teamwork, transparency, and creative solutions.  
People want an enjoyable process with a mutual exchange.**

I fell in love with the timber framing craft in 2002, and I still feel just as privileged and enthused. Many, many, personalized structures have been created since then. In fact, my passion, artistry, and repertoire of creative solutions have all grown dramatically... I sometimes wonder if it is simply something to do with rising to challenges and building upon success.

You probably agree that exposed beams provide geometric beauty and resonate deep within our psyche... The style brings to mind durability, longevity, safety, laughter, smiles, warm feelings, and home.

**The questions:** What is the best way for you to acquire your personalized timber living when you are looking for not too much, not too little, not too high and not too low? And, how do you get just the right mix of timber presence and style is the thing? Or, how do you find that sweet spot which you can enjoy for years and pass on to your heirs? It's really about enriching the lives of those around you and sharing your unique personality and viewpoints with them. The answer: Arrow Timber's guaranteed pain-free timber living acquisition process.

I think the culture of mass-produced, one-size-fits-all merchandise is a happiness drain for far too many people. It is better to have a targeted life with purpose than acquiring a lot of mediocre things just for the sake of having them. Too much waste, clutter and frustration. It is much better to emphasize and display your values with purposeful choices. And if you can acquire those choices and avoid the taint of painful experiences, consider yourself a winner! Which is why I guarantee not only the personalized artistry we create, but also the process by which it is created! Seek out and choose, therefore, things that will evoke head nods and slow smiles. Things which resonate with your personality. Things that do not grow old with the passage of time. You will not regret it.

To your goals, momentum, and success,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bert'.

Bert Sarkkinen, Owner, Arrow Timber Framing

