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What Is Your Favorite House Style?

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Whether you want to design, build, sell, or decorate homes, there is a career in the housing industry for you. Check out these careers:

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Homebuilding and Design

Home Styles Reflect Your Style

by Julie Gillies

Recently our family visited the largest private home in the United States. The massive Biltmore Estate, former vacation home of the wealthy Vanderbilt family, was jaw-dropping beautiful. Located in Asheville, North Carolina, the mansion boasts over 250 rooms, each filled with exquisite treasures and architecture on a grand scale. This home-turned-museum revealed the vast wealth and impeccable style of its builder.

What do our homes reveal about us? Usually our budget, with style worked in accordingly. You may not ever live in a 250 room mansion, but you may be interested in finding out about your personal home style. There are dozens of vastly different house styles. Check out the list of unique house styles below, and decide which one appeals to you.

Cape Cod: First common in Massachusetts, these small, economical "box houses" became popular in the 1930's. Cape Cods feature steep roofs and a classic, very simple design.

Greek Revival: Stately and grand, these homes feature pillared front porches, bold, simple moldings, and lots of columns. This style originally began with public buildings in Philadelphia in 1825. (Did you see the house on the movie, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*?)

Victorian Gothic: These houses look more like churches or castles. They have pinnacles, parapets, leaded glass windows, and large verandas. They were originally built in England in 1840, and were greatly loved by Queen Victoria.

Shingle Style: The exact opposite of the Victorian gothic, these shingled homes have a uniform look of honest simplicity. These homes became popular around 1874.

Tudor: With their decorative half-timbers, tall, narrow windows, and steeply pitched roofs, the Tudor medieval revival style became popular in the 1890's. They often mimicked the look of medieval thatched cottages.

Craftsman Bungalow: This all American design originated in Cape Cod in 1905. It features a low pitched roof, wide eaves, and exposed rafters. It usually has built-in shelves and seating, and can be either one or one and a half stories.

Log Cabin: Originally built in the 1800's, these familiar houses were inexpensive, rainproof, and required no nails. A log cabin could be built in only a few days. Modern versions are much larger and feature every amenity, barely resembling the practical and modest original.

Ranch: These single-story homes were first built in San Diego, California in 1932, and are by far the most typical of American homes. They're long, narrow, low to the ground, and feature large windows. Most ranch homes have sliding glass doors leading to a patio and have an attached garage. They're also known as tract homes or 'cookie cutters.'

Did you find yourself leaning towards a particular house style? There are many books available that can help you decide which house is right for you. And while most of us may never actually live in an impressive mansion, our homes can reflect our personalities and reveal our own personal style.



explore it

Design Your Dream House

Just for fun, try designing your own house. It can be any style you want, and as large or small as you'd like. Here are some ideas to get you started. Grab a pencil and paper, and go for it!

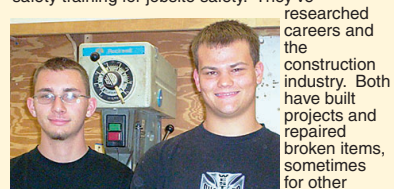
- With your parent's permission, access one of the websites below. They feature great ideas for home design.
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- Visit model homes in your area to observe house layout and use of space. You can really get a feel for what you like or don't like this way. Collect their free brochures for more ideas.
- Look at friends' and relatives' homes with a new focus: how is it laid out? Do you like or dislike the design?
- If possible, visit local historic homes in your area. Pay attention to the details and craftsmanship of the home. Have you ever been to the magnificent Sarasota home of John Ringling, known as Cà d'Zan (Venetian for "House of John")? Talk about a dream house!
- Armed with new ideas, try sketching the inside and outside of your dream house. Try drawing a floor plan, remembering to include things like closets and bathrooms. Dream big! Remember, imagining and designing your dream home doesn't cost anything. And who knows...maybe one day you will build it!



kidzbiz Future Builders and Businessmen

by Leslie Rowe

After four solid years in Ray Weiland's construction classes, SEHS seniors Nick Giammatteo and Jimmy Affolter can build it or fix it—safely! Besides learning how to use hand and power tools on woods, metals, and plastics, both students have completed OSHA safety training for jobsite safety. They've



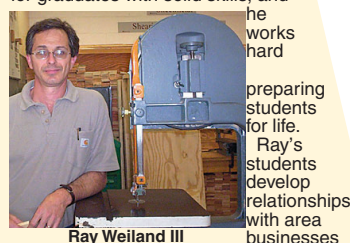
researched careers and the construction industry. They have built projects and repaired broken items, sometimes for other teachers and family members. These guys are handy! Nick stays busy playing football, serving as President of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), participating in Future Builders of America (FBA) and Construction Technology Careers (CTC) programs, and working as a manager at McDonald's. After high school, he hopes to attend either USF or UCF—and play football—while majoring in business administration.

Jimmy has his sites on a career as a licensed contractor. He's learned leadership skills in FFA and as FBA vice president. He's already worked for a local contractor, and plans to attend a technical school after graduation. Jimmy is considering training to be a heavy equipment operator to gain experience in land development. With the high demand for builders, developers, and business professionals in our area, Nick and Jimmy are already building a firm foundation to launch their careers!

School biz Gets the Job Done

by Leslie Rowe

After 24 years teaching everything from old-school *Shop Class* to *Principles of Material & Process Technology I – III* at Southeast High, Ray Weiland III looks forward to next year, when his courses will be called *Construction Technology*. He understands the career potential for graduates with solid skills, and



he works hard preparing students for life. Ray's students develop relationships with area businesses through **Construction Technology Careers (CTC)**, a growing partnership among area businesses, School Boards, and the Suncoast Workforce Board. Students learn OSHA safety standards, First Aid/CPR, NCCER Core training, and employability skills. Several graduates go directly into Manatee Technical Institute's Construction Technology programs. Ray's students also participate in **Future Builders of America (FBA)**, a student leadership program of the Florida Home Builders Foundation.

While juggling all of these career-building programs, Ray is still a skilled, hands-on craftsman. He's also got a secret (or not-so-secret) talent that serves his students well—he's a *dumpster diver*! If he sees scraps of building materials tossed away, he hauls them back to class for student projects. In fact, one of his best wood sources is a local builder who makes 6' coffin crates out of 8' boards—leaving lots of clean, 2' leftover sections. Ray gets the job done, whatever it takes!

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