

## **What does a General Contractor do?**

A General Contractor turns the dream for your home into a reality.

A General Contractor provides you with a single point of contact and remains the common thread throughout the entire project. He is the glue that binds all aspects together as other professionals do their individual parts. He manages the project for you.

A General Contractor pulls the permit and interacts with city and state building officials and makes sure that everything is “to code” – that your home and family are protected by the laws and regulations of the federal, state and local government. A good General Contractor is present during all inspections.

A General Contractor hires, schedules and pays subcontractors. The General Contractor has relationships with many tradespersons. He can get experts to come precisely when needed. Because of their ongoing relationship, the General Contractor is assured of a high quality job from the subcontractor, and the subcontractor is confident of dealing directly with a building professional who will pay him promptly and bring him future work. A kitchen, for example, can involve several subcontractors (demolition, carpenter, plumber, electrician, plasterer, flooring installer), many suppliers, and several city/town officials — 25 entities in all.

A General Contractor who is skilled and flexible can do some of the tasks himself, to keep the project on schedule.

A General Contractor orders supplies and oversees their installation. He oversees the logistics of the entire project.

A General Contractor is the “last man out”. He takes care of the final details and takes responsibility for your overall satisfaction.

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