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A custom Cedar Log Home in Colorado

So you think a "prow front" is just the thing?

by Charles Knight, log home designer

Well, here's a design from Mike Craig, our senior CAD designer. He's come up with a plan that just might "fill the bill". It's a rear entry plan with great view appeal.

"To see or to be seen, that is the question." Either way, this plan has something for you.



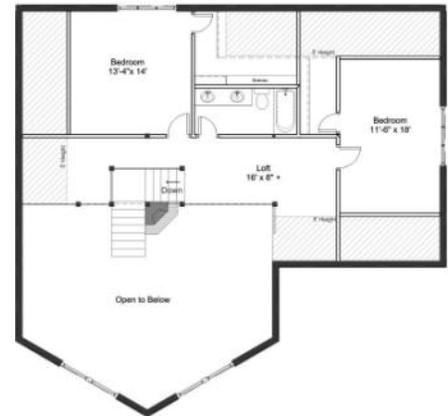
And the best part - with Cedar LogSystems you can actually have a prow front that is air-tight. You see, a lot of log home companies will sell you a prow front design but it won't be log, it'll be log siding. The difference you ask? Try the words "differential settling" for starters.

Most other log companies just build the angles using the old stand-by, "if you can't do it in log, frame it, and side it". And then the horizontal logs move and the vertical framed walls don't - oops!

Here at Cedar LogSystems (Ever wonder why we use that word, LogSystems, instead of log supply? Keep reading.) we took the time to figure out the "what and wherefore" of a "log prow front".

Once again the name Mike Craig comes to play. I told him he couldn't figure out how to make a true, full log corner air-tight without having a 90 degree corner.

Turns out he can figure out anything using CAD and a bit of his "Aggie ingenuity"!



Upper Floor 732 SF

So if you're thinking a prow front is "must have" for your log home, then your search for the perfect log home is over.

Oh, and as for the plan? If the one above isn't exactly right for you, we'll be more than happy to visit your site and draw "your home, your way".

Give Mike a call at ext 81 and let him help your dream become your reality!

A Few Plan Ideas for your log home design by Charles Knight, Log Home Designer

We see many log home buyers that all seem on a quest to find the "perfect" log home plan. Guess what? It's not in a book! It's in your head.

The key here is to find a "log home designer" (not an architect) and get them to listen to you and to see your ideas and thoughts. How do you do that? Have them do a site visit. Let them see what you see. If the log home company you've chosen doesn't offer that service, then find a different log home company. And whatever you do, don't fall into the trap of "the builder said he can buy xyz logs and build you what you want". Not happening. Pick your log home supplier first and then have them help you plan "your home, your way"! Then have them locate a builder for you. Here in this article you'll see sketches that we've used to turn other peoples dreams into reality.

It's easy, really. Here are some simple ideas that will help us to help you.

Start with all those magazines that you've been saving for months (or years). Go through them and cut out the ideas you like and then junk the rest.

Go to the local office supply and get an accordion file or if you prefer, a scrapbook. Label the different files or pages by area and importance. Don't limit your research to log home plans only. Pick up any home plan or home idea magazine. It's your home, express yourself!



Drawings are great. If you have a plan that you like, but I want... then bring that to the table as well.

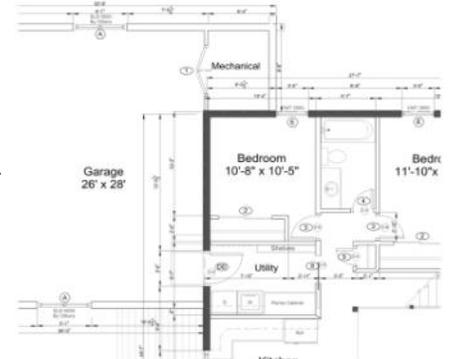
The more you can "show and tell" the better the designer can help put your plan on paper. Pictures from magazines or photos you've taken are great. Just sort them into your file.

Don't let someone tell you it costs more to design your home, your way. They "may" charge more, but in the end a log home cost is determined more by how you finish the inside than by the outside structure.

Have fun. Get what you want. Don't settle for a "standard" plan when what you want, what you've dreamed of, is right there in your imagination.

It may take a few redraws, but in the end if you are like most of our clients, this is the last home, and the only log home, you will ever build.

Do it right! Do it now! Do it "your way"!



Renaissance - A "complete" log home maintenance program

Cedar LogSystems joins Weatherall's Renaissance Program

The "problem" most consumers worry about, the biggest reason that people decide not to purchase a log home is..

Exterior maintenance! And it's guaranteed for Five Years!

Problem solved, with the new Weatherall Renaissance Program. The work is easy - someone else does it. Now, with every Cedar LogSystems' Cedar Log Home you have the option of registering your new log home in the Renaissance Program.

It's simple. A certified Weatherall applicator will completely stain and finish your exterior (and interior, if requested). In 2 years the certified applicator will apply an additional topcoat.

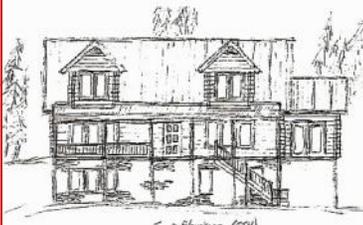
Just follow the simple maintenance tips that Weatherall will give you from time to time. You'll have the best log home in the industry (Cedar, from Cedar LogSystems) and the best stain, seal and follow-up (Weatherall's Renaissance Program). Weatherall's Five Year guarantee provides true "peace of mind".

Before you ask, the cost will depend on the size of your log home and your location. And remember with Cedar LogSystems there is no caulk or chink so your 5-year program is for stain and topcoat only. No need for other, more costly, maintenance.

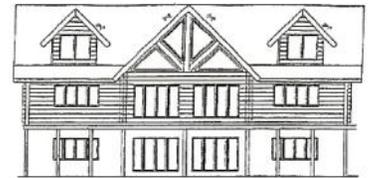
One more reason to make your log home choice a Cedar Log Home from Cedar LogSystems. Let's talk Renaissance!

If it's not Cedar... you're still barking up the wrong tree!

Call your Cedar LogSystems' Sales Associate at 800.600.5647
Caleb x53; Mike x81; Patti x98; Charles x99



From concept...



.. to finals

Ever wonder why we call? by Patti Knight, Administration

Where did we get your name and info?

Did you attend a log home show, visit our website, see an ad, or maybe mark our company name on a magazine form?

It takes a lot of time and energy before you are able to sit down on your couch and savor the comfort and serenity of your finished log home. You'll need to investigate what wood specie to use, what seal system is best to keep out the air and moisture, and what plan will work on your land and fit your family's lifestyle.

Our job *is* your log home education. What helps us helps you: what size log home you want; when and where you plan to build; and what your budget is.

We "want" to call at an appropriate time, and we "want" to present appropriate sized plans and ideas. We "want" to send you mailings of log home construction sites in your area, and we "want" to visit your land to discuss your ideas.

The more detailed information you share with us, the easier it is for us to provide the facts you need to make an intelligent, informed log home decision.

Please help us by responding to our calls and e-mails. Keep us updated on your plans and progress. Have we chatted lately? If not, give us a call - we're here to help you get to that easy chair in your own log home.

Is your phone number, e-mail and other

information current with us? Let's check. Give Patti a call at 800.600.5647 x98.



Patti's "Bear" sitting outside her log home

Tampa Log Home Show

Nov 16 - 18

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Food for Thought!

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Log Homes - Custom Design - Custom Build - Nationwide

Checking in on some things old and one thing new...



Almost ready to move in, Logan, UT (note the solar panels)



Home on the Hill, Murphy, NC



Home on the Hill 2, Murphy, NC



Back to Front and then some, South Fork, CO



Lots of Logs, Julian, CA (a long and winding road)