

BREAKING

Ground

Check out the progress on our new project home.

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In the last issue of American Farmhouse Style, we introduced an exciting opportunity we have this year to build our own cottage farmhouse, and it's already underway! We're partnering with Yankee Barn Homes to see this project through, and they've been working on the structure to ensure it radiates farmhouse style. "From the outside, the Springfield Barn Home says farmhouse quite easily, with its vocabulary of board and batten siding, double cupolas and a wraparound front porch," says Jeff Rosen, Creative Director at Yankee Barn Homes. Follow along with us as we show how the construction started.

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A FIRM FOUNDATION

Here's a step-by-step breakdown of the beginning of the construction process.

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1. CUPOLAS CONSTRUCTION IN YANKEE BARN'S WAREHOUSE.

"Due to our unique panelized shell construction process, much of the building work is done ahead of schedule in our shop," says Jeff. "This saves the client time and money on the job site."



2. FOUNDATION BUILDING AND SHELL DELIVERY.

"Components arrive by truck to the build site," says Jeff. "Since the frame is already cut and notched in the Yankee Barn frame shop, the shell raising can proceed smoothly."



3. PANEL INSTALLATION.

Since all the pieces have been previously built in the shop, the construction teams only needs to put them in place.



4. STRUCTURAL PROGRESS.

With most of the initial shell structure complete, the True Roof™ panel will be the next piece of the puzzle (as the New Hampshire weather allows, of course).

EXTERIOR DETAILS

Learn what gives a structure farmhouse style. "American barn architecture is intrinsically simple, with the unassuming forms that were meant to be storage spaces for agricultural supplies, agriculture product and animals," says Jeff.

A. COVERED WRAPAROUND PORCH.

Every farmhouse needs a space to relax and enjoy the surroundings. By adding a covered porch, the homeowners can enjoy the outdoors, even in the rain or heat.

B. GABLE ROOFLINE.

While not the roof itself, the gable roofline is when two sloped walls meet at the tip and are open at the ends, creating a triangular shape. This is iconic for a farmhouse structure.

C. CUPOLAS.

Often referred to as a dome, a cupola brings light into the home. "We think of them similarly to the beacons of lighthouses," says Jeff. "They say 'welcome,' both as dimensional and light sources to the inside of the house during the day, and as glowing lights at night, providing views to the sky and stars above."

D. PLENTY OF WINDOWS.

Made with Ultrex—a patented material made of

pultruded fiberglass—the windows from Marvin Windows are durable and farmhouse-friendly with their black trim.

E. BOARD AND BATTEN SIDING.

This board and batten paneling is characterized by vertical boards that don't overlap. "It has a low carbon footprint and is an affordable material with a wow factor," says Jeff. "It's both traditional and modern at the same time."

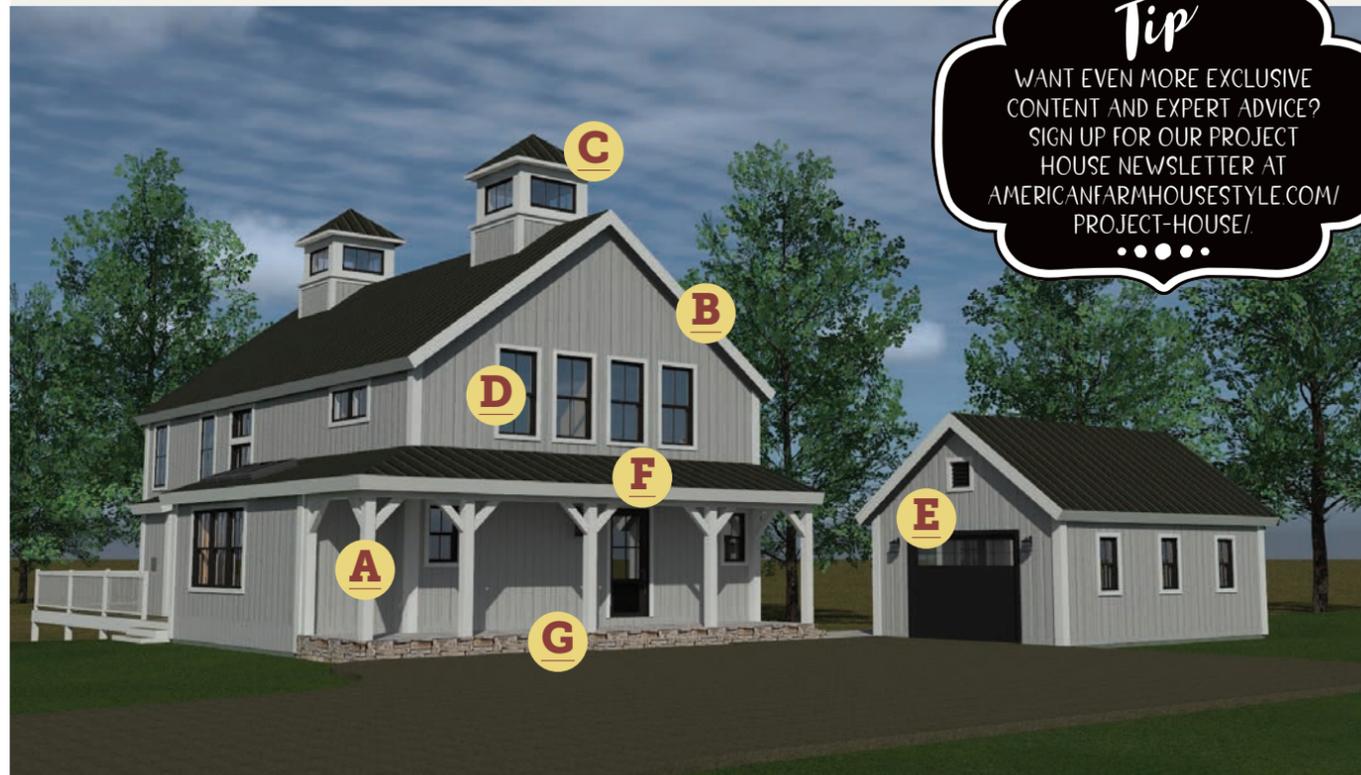
F. STANDING SEAM METAL ACCENT ROOF.

"The standing seam metal accent roofs on the porch and cupolas are gorgeous and highly functional in the New England climate, as they loosen falling snow quickly, keeping the roofs snow-free and dry," says Jeff.

G. STONE FOUNDATION.

Using local materials taps into the tradition of farmhouse buildings. "The house will be surrounded by rustic stone walls, with stone readily available in this part of New England," says Jeff. It functions as a solid foundation, as well as a textural accent.

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LIGHT IT UP

How to choose cohesive lighting options

WE'VE PARTNERED WITH GOLDEN LIGHTING FOR THE INTERIOR LIGHTING IN THIS HOME BECAUSE OF THEIR QUALITY, VARIETY AND, OF COURSE, THEIR FARMHOUSE STYLE. HERE ARE THEIR TIPS TO ENSURE YOUR LIGHTING CHOICES REMAIN COHESIVE THROUGHOUT YOUR HOME.

1. METAL MATCH. "You will need fixtures that are similar in look, style and metal finish," says Danielle Dzurik, Creative Director of Golden Lighting. This is especially true if you have an open floor plan, as you'll be able to see the lighting across multiple spaces.

existing contents of your home in style and metal finish." For example, if your kitchen cabinet knobs are black, consider pendant lights with a black finish. If you have a jute rug, consider a pendant with rope accents.

2. EXISTING FEATURES. "Think about the current furniture, walls, knobs and hardware," says Danielle. "Then look for light fixtures that you love that are similar to the

3. EXPERIMENT OPPORTUNITIES. "If an area of your home is separate from all others, you have an opportunity to shake things up a bit with a complementary finish color, but it is still best to work within the same style to keep the look cohesive," says Danielle.

