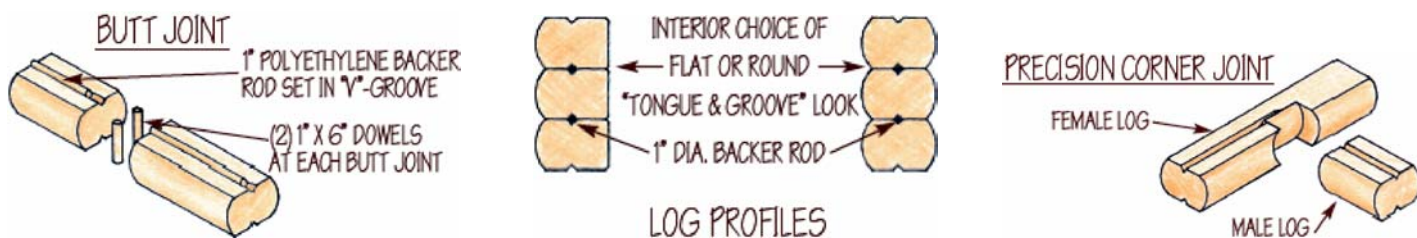


Frequently Asked Questions

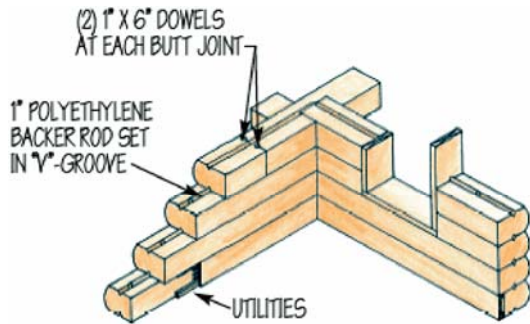
- Q: How many different log home models are available through Lincoln Logs International, LLC?**
A: We currently have 49 designs, ranging from approximately 900 to over 8500 square feet. You are not limited to this number, however, because we have a drafting and design department that can readily adapt almost any design to a Lincoln Logs International home package. We have designed or adapted our log package to almost every type of building—from storage buildings to shopping center complexes.
- Q: What is included in the Lincoln Logs International log home package?**
A: We ship only the materials not locally available. We want to help our customers save money in materials and shipping costs by having them negotiate with a local building supply company for conventional materials such as: windows, doors, roofing. Customers can purchase from a local supplier at the lowest price, plus save additional freight charges.
- Q: Can I alter the interior layout of an existing log home design?**
A: Yes, and most often at no additional cost to you. A Lincoln Logs International home can be built as a completely empty shell when roof trusses are used, since all support is to the outside walls. This allows you to get the home under roof in the least possible time, and can often save you money in cases where weather might be a factor. You can then arrange the partition walls to suit your individual needs and tastes.
- Q: Are there any special precautions in beginning a Lincoln Logs International home?**
A: In any construction project, it is necessary to keep all footings, foundations and walls running square and true. Log homes are no different. Precautions should be taken to make sure the initial course (base logs) are laid square and conform to all measurements on the blueprints. Also, care should be taken to ensure that the logs are sitting squarely on the foundation, with no extreme overlapping. From this point on, you need only to follow the blueprints and log stack sheets making sure that each course is kept square.
- Q: What kind of timber is used in a Lincoln Logs International home?**
A: Our log homes are all cut from southern yellow pine. They are uniform in size to eliminate water or snow ledges on the outer walls, and to allow flexibility in finishing the interior walls. Our logs are 8" thick by 6" tall and precision cut at our mill located on our property.
- Q: How are the logs joined together in a Lincoln Logs International home?**
A: We utilize a polyurethane backer rod that fits into a pre-cut v-groove between the logs. On the butt end joints, two strips of polyurethane gasket material and two 1" diameter hardwood dowel pins are incorporated to ensure a complete seal against air, light, and water. Nine-inch (9") lag bolts are used at 16" intervals to bolt the logs together forming, in essence, a solid 8" thick wood wall—a very tight and very strong structure.



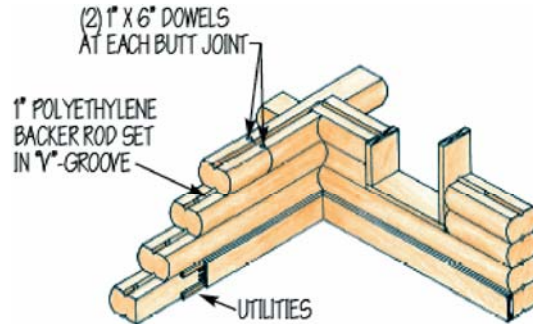
- Q: What kind of foundation do you recommend?**
A: Any type of foundation can be used, from concrete blocks to brick, poured concrete or piers (basement, concrete slab, crawl space, etc.). We suggest that concrete blocks be used in lieu of the lighter weight blocks due to the weight of the log walls. Also, it is very important to make sure that the logs are square on the foundation.
- Q: Is shipping included?**
A: Shipping is a necessary evil whether you live five miles or 5000 miles from the construction yard. In order for us to maintain consistent pricing, and to insure that you receive a fair shipping price based on current shipping rates to your area, we do not include the price of shipping in our log shell package price. We do, however, have estimated trucking costs within the continental United States and we will gladly get you a more accurate quote once you have provided us with your construction site address.

Q: How is the electrical wiring run in the log walls?

A: It's very simple. Our bottom course of logs is cut flat on the inside to allow a wiring conduit chase to be formed using furring strips and wide baseboard trim. In locations where a wall switch is needed on a log wall, the wire is run up between the door sub jamb and the butt ends of the logs. Where necessary, the wiring conduit chase formed by the base log and side baseboard can also be used to hide telephone and other lines.



FLATWALL ASSEMBLY DETAIL



ROUNDWALL ASSEMBLY DETAIL

Q: What about shrinkage?

A: All of our homes are built to allow for natural shrinkage above doors, windows, and at all floor to ceiling posts. We have never had a shrinkage problem or complaint from a customer because our homes are built properly the first time.

Q: Do your log homes settle?

A: All log homes, cabins or buildings will settle to some extent. We allow for this by leaving some space above all windows and doors settling. This space should be filled with insulation and covered by the window or door face plate. Only 1% to 2% settling is expected with our log homes.

Q: How are the interior walls built in a Lincoln Logs International home?

A: Just as in a conventional home. Any type of interior wall is acceptable. Sheetrock to wood paneling are clever ways to tie the interior partition walls into the curved log outer walls with no necessity of molding of any kind. This is another saving over conventional housing.

Q: Will my log home require exterior finishing?

A: Left unfinished, cedar logs will weather to a silver gray color. Color density and uniformity will vary depending on exposure and climatic conditions in your area. Most customers elect to apply either some type of transparent stain or one of the several natural finishes available.

Q: What areas do you serve?

A: Once loaded onto a flat-deck or into a shipping container, a log home kit can be shipped to nearly any point on earth. We are able to ship anywhere worldwide.

Q: What if I have my own plans?

A: We will gladly work from your plans provided that they are fully drawn and have been approved by an engineer and by the building department where your site resides. We can also take your existing drawings and prepare complete construction drawings that will be adequate for engineering and building permit approval. We charge on an individual basis for redraws and plan completion.

Q: How much does a log home cost?

A: There are many variables to the price of a log home, the design, species, style, size, roof structure and finish materials are just a few of the many factors. There is no average price for log homes. A quick rule of thumb is the simpler the design, the lower the cost.

Q: Do I buy my land or design my house first?

A: It is recommended that your land is purchased first, before you spend money designing a home that may not take advantage of the special features your property provides. Keeping copies of plans that interest you is good and provides a starting point when you enter into design. Some designer experts also recommend a scrap book, where you post clips and photos of features you'd like to incorporate into the design of your dream home. By looking for design ideas ahead of time, the process should be quicker once you locate that perfect spot.