

Youngs-Newton House

We love our new custom home!

We shopped the house market for nearly a year before deciding to try building ourselves. Nothing we saw during that time was close enough to our 'dream house' requirements. So we sat down with (much) paper & pen and wrote down all the features we wanted plus the features we loved in the many houses we looked at then tried to combine our favorites into one plan. Once we came to agreement on the general plan, we took our drawings to an architect and with the help of Owner Builder Network, turned our dream into reality. The classes were invaluable and we learned so much along the way. There were frustrations and challenges throughout the entire process. The drought was broken by downpours that postponed the pouring of our slab for 2 over months, the forgotten steel brackets for hurricane stability, the downed trees, the electrician's issues, and many more.

We were fortunate that Susan is retired and was able to be on the job site most every day to help make decisions and keep Dave up on the issues. We were also fortunate Susan could speak Spanish and communicate with the craftsmen who, overall, were a great group of people. There is a huge amount of satisfaction knowing that we did this ourselves & we were there to watch every detail of the entire build. Susan says she would like to do this again if we got the right offer on our new house!

Dave & Susan