



Building Checklist

Money			Notes
Intended budget	\$		
Finance in place?	Y	N	
Consent			
LIM required?	Y	N	
Resource Consent required?	Y	N	
Wants			
Open plan living	Y	N	
Outdoor living areas	Y	N	
Formal rooms	Y	N	
Separate living spaces	Y	N	
Play areas	Y	N	
Guest areas	Y	N	
High ceilings	Y	N	
Multi level	Y	N	
Energy efficient	Y	N	
Period Features	Y	N	
Modern design	Y	N	
Needs			
	Qty		
Bedrooms			
Bathrooms			
Ensuite			
Walk in robe			
Formal living room			
Formal dining room			
Family room			
Separate TV/games room			
Study/Office			
Storage room			
Wine cellar			
Garage (no. of cars)			
Under floor heating			
Wiring for home automation			
Fireplace			
Covered veranda/Deck			
Spa/swimming pool			
BBQ area			
Outdoor heating			
Outdoor lighting			

All of this information gives the designer and builder a better idea of what you want and what is important to you. It's also important to get the plan and size of the building/rooms right from the start; many internal fittings such as kitchens and lighting can vary immensely and affect the final price, but it's wise to remember that fittings are cheaper to renovate with time and fashion than room layouts and sizes. Have a think about what you do and don't want included in the builder's price – are you happy to do all the painting, will you supply all the bathroom fittings and floor coverings? Anything that you can do can save money, but remember, unless you are good at DIY, it can be cheaper to leave it to the experts, and some work must be done by qualified tradesmen.