



Newsletter No. 2

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We at Jack Home Construction are excited to share with you what's been going on with us these past months.

Designing Your Home Series

Last newsletter, we were happy to introduced this series of blog posts to you. We hope you find it helpful, since we know that the job of designing a new home can seem a difficult and daunting task. Many of our customers come to us not sure where even to begin. Take a look at what home design elements to keep in mind when designing your new home.

In this series, we are using the design patterns found in the book *Patterns of Home: The Ten Essentials of Enduring Design* by the authors Max Jacobson, Murray Silverstein, and Barbara Winslow. All three of the authors are internationally respected architects who published this easy to read and beautifully illustrated book in 2002. We highly recommend this book to you.

In this book, the word "pattern" is used for a group of design ideas which address a particular aspect of your home design.



[Designing Your Home | Pattern One: Inhabiting the Site](#)

Pattern One in our book is titled "Inhabiting the Site." All the homes we build are placed on a piece of ground and the design of your home should begin with where you are placing it. [continue reading](#)



[Designing Your Home | Pattern Two: Creating Rooms Outside And In](#)

Pattern Two in our book is “Creating Rooms Outside and In.” This pattern focuses on how a house, by its very presence, creates outdoor rooms and not just indoor rooms. The exterior shape of the house creates outdoor spaces that should also be thought of as rooms and form an “interlocking checkerboard on the site.”

This fact should be considered at the very beginning of a home design. Otherwise, the outdoor “rooms” that your home creates, if ignored, will just end up as spaces that are “leftover.” They will tend to not be connected to interior rooms where people usually gather and then these spaces tend to be neglected. [continue reading](#)

Check out our blog to read the full posts in this series!

[Home Design Blog Series](#)

The Latest From Our Blog



[What Is Your Favorite Kitchen Style?](#)

When thinking about redesigning your kitchen, it can be helpful to understand what your style is. Then you can narrow your search for kitchen elements to be within the category that you know you like.

There are three basic categories of kitchen design: traditional, transitional, and modern. We will explore these three categories, and give you some examples of each so you can get a better idea of what kitchen style you like the most. [continue reading](#)



Would You Love An Open Layout Kitchen?

These are pictures of the finished kitchen of a home that we completed in 2020. It is an open layout where the kitchen, dining table, and family areas are all in one large room. [continue reading](#)



New Home In The Peninsula

This is a home we are currently building in the Peninsula at the Lake of Egypt. It is a three bedroom house with three baths, a mud room, and a utility room. There is a large covered deck on the back side of the house where a hot tub will sit. [continue reading](#)



[Historical Buildings of Southern Illinois | Thebes Courthouse](#)

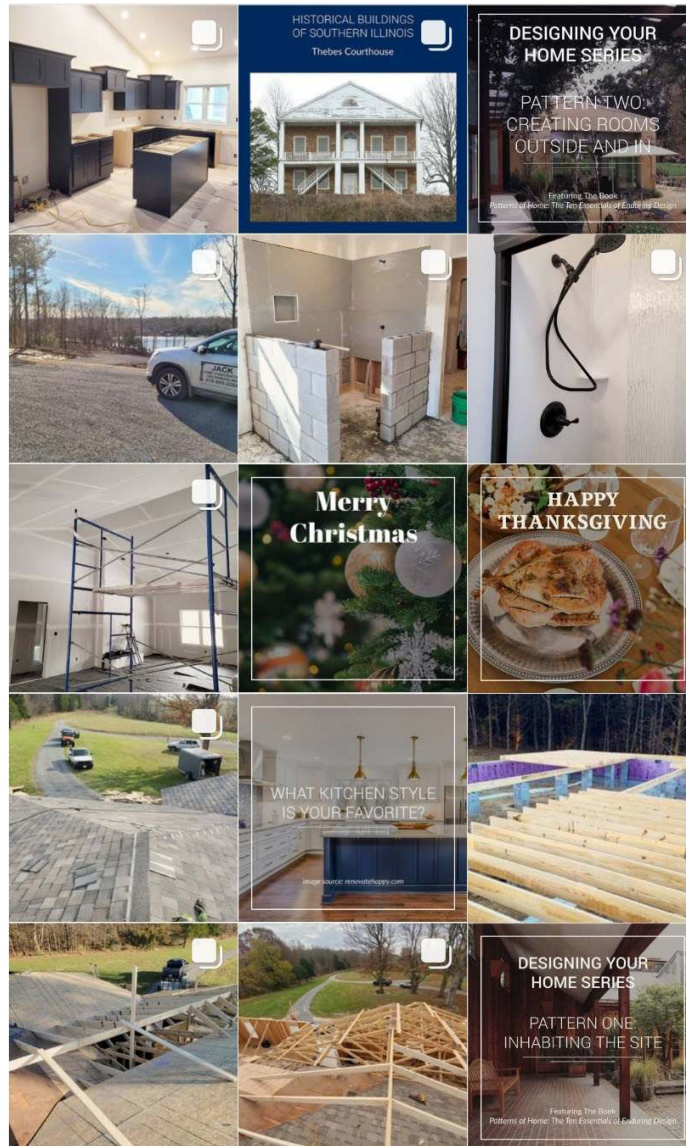
Since we at Jack Home Construction have a combined interest in both architecture and in the history of Southern Illinois, we'd like to take a look with you at another historical building of Southern Illinois. Thebes Courthouse was the original courthouse of Alexander County in Thebes, IL. Construction began in 1845, and the building was completed in 1848, making it 172 years old. [continue reading](#)

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