



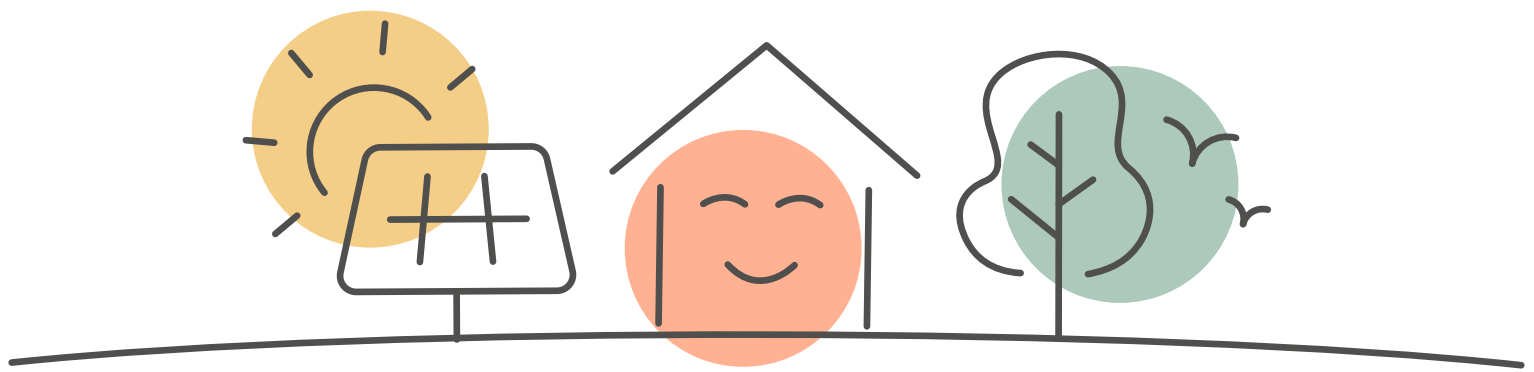
HOW TO

Design & Build a Better Home



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**BETTER HOME. BETTER LIFE.
BETTER PLANET.**



You're ready to build or renovate a home, and you sense it could be better in so many ways. This is your opportunity to think differently about how your house looks, works, and feels.

It's also a great time to think differently about the impact what we design and build is having on our planetary home.

A modern rooftop patio with a glass-paneled roof, outdoor furniture, and a view of green trees. The patio features a wooden deck, a glass coffee table, a round glass table with green chairs, and a closed patio umbrella. The background is filled with lush green trees.

Welcome to Different

Designing and building a better home is a complex undertaking, but it doesn't need to be difficult.

We're here to provide the guidance and support you need to make the process creative, fulfilling and even fun.

Welcome to different. We wrote this guide to help you understand how you can be different, too.



You'll be our partner. We'll be your guides.

Wolfworks is a team of architects and builders collaborating as one. From the beginning you will be sitting side by side with your architect and builder. This communication makes a world of difference.

The difference matters. It's hard to imagine creating a truly satisfying project without investing time in thoughtful design, good communication, and a collaborative relationship.



**Welcome to
Better**

This is your opportunity to build better.

**To build a new home—
or remodel your existing
home—to levels of
comfort, health, durability,
and energy security that
are not possible with
conventional building.**

**A future-friendly home
that fits you, your
neighborhood, and the
planet.**



Better Home. Better Life. Better Planet.

There is a direct relationship between your home's design and your well being. Great spaces, architecturally arranged to welcome you in, crafted to delight, and carefully planned to function and feel good from morning to night make that connection.

Add the new dimension of home performance and be rewarded with benefits you won't find, or have ever experienced, in homes built for the world as it was; a time when only passing thought and little concern was given to how homes use energy and sustain health and comfort.

A photograph of a beautiful backyard at dusk. In the foreground, a circular stone patio is paved with large, flat, irregular stones. A round wooden dining table with four matching chairs is set for a meal. The table has a centerpiece of flowers and several glasses of orange juice. In the background, a white two-story house with a prominent brick chimney is visible behind a wooden fence. To the right, a large, leafy tree stands tall, and a small pond with rocks and plants is nestled in the garden. The sky is a clear, deep blue, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and inviting.

What Better Means for You



Sustainability & Resilience

What does it mean to have a sustainable and “green” home? Just as decisions we make have a direct effect on the environment, it is important to understand the effects the environment has on us. This includes managing the sun’s relationship to your home, selecting natural and healthy building materials, and minimizing the amount of energy required to maintain health and comfort.

All of these principles are baked into the way we design and build a home, it is our standard.



Comfort & Health

Imagine a home in which there are no drafts, no warmer and cooler areas, no cold surfaces. We call this “Barefoot Comfort.” Filtered, fresh air fills the house while keeping the temperature even. Pollutants and allergens are removed, making it healthier for you and your family.

Light and liveliness are at the heart of these homes. Natural sunlight fills the rooms, prudently balanced: enough in winter, not too much in summer.

Spaces are designed for accessibility and function for abilities at every age.



Beauty & Conviviality

Well-designed spaces bring family and friends together. No more orphaned corners, unused rooms, or disorderly piles of stuff in search of a home. A place for everyone in your family, and the activities they love, extending from inside to out. These are homes with the five great spaces that every home deserves:

- A Welcoming Entry
- Bedroom Suite
- Kitchen as Social Hub
- Outdoor Rooms
- Personal Space



Performance & Impact

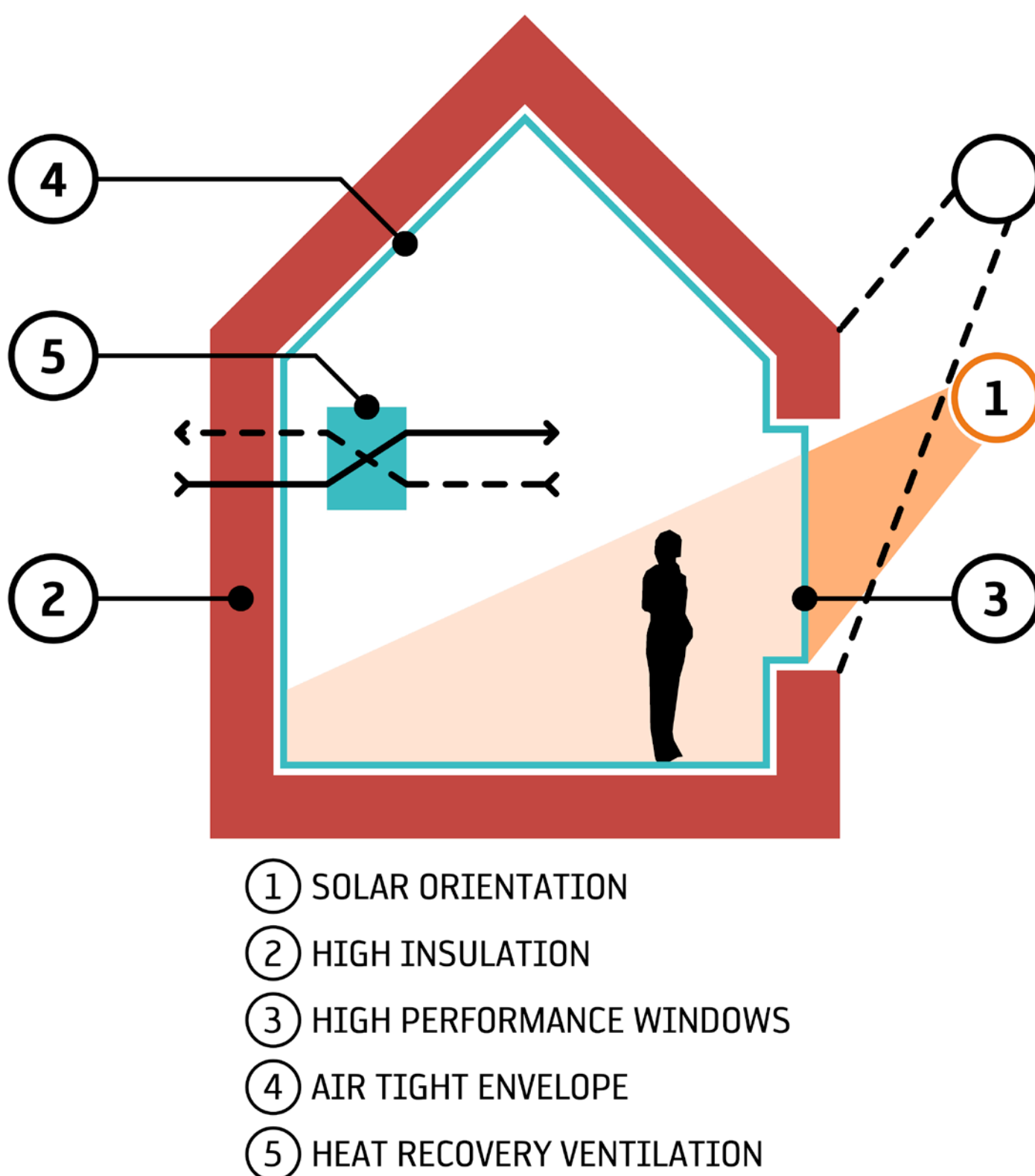
A better home designed this way seeks to use a miserly fraction of energy for heating and cooling, and significantly less energy overall than a conventional home, all without the use of fossil fuels. Here in Connecticut, it's possible to keep your home warm all winter (and cool all summer) with the equivalent of a hair dryer or two. And if you harvest energy with solar panels, you're able to produce all the energy your home needs. We call this a "Zero Energy Home."

And aware that the materials we build with come with their own carbon burden, we favor materials and building assemblies that are "carbon conscious."

Durability & Security

Our High Performance Enclosure Superheroes—Weather, Thermal, Air & Vapor Barriers—ensure your house will last a very long time.

Say goodbye to rot and mold: these walls are designed to manage moisture. No more ice dams in winter—the walls and roof create a hearty winter jacket that stands up to the extremes. And best of all, there are no more big mechanical systems to fuel and repair. No fossil fuels in new homes and strategies to eliminate them in existing ones.





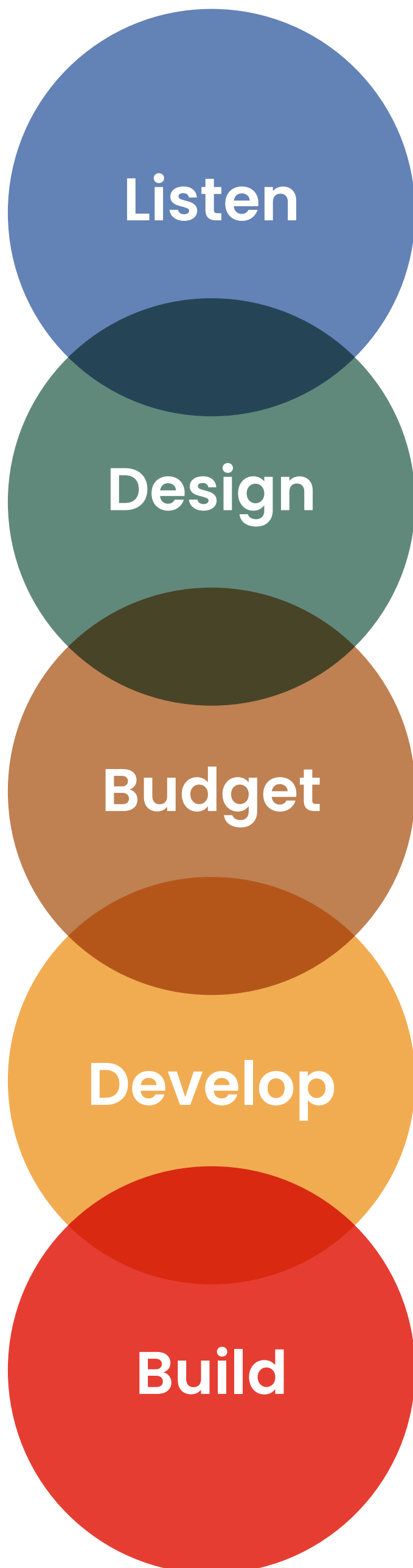
**Good Design
Leads. Better
Building
Follows.**

Design is a process of discovery that explores opportunities, tests their feasibility, and acknowledges constraints to arrive at a practical and achievable plan of action.

Design thinking minimizes uncertainty and risk by methodically balancing what's possible at what cost.

Step by step, you will be guided along a well charted path with five essential phases.

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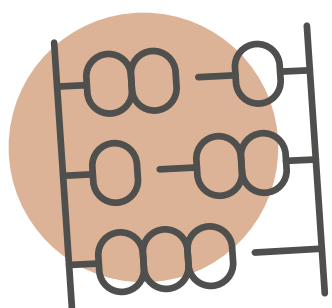
Listen

Every project begins with your story; we start with your “Why?” This framework of possibilities acknowledges constraints as well: technical, financial, regulatory; every project has boundaries.



Design

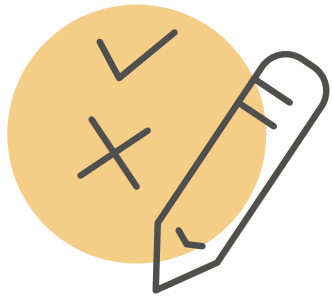
Within that framework we present solutions and explain their virtues. You're provided with a vision of what's possible. You react and if needed, we revise until you like what you see.



Budget

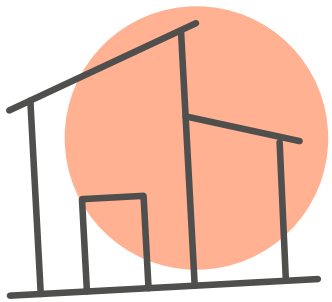
Based on the schemes that excite you, we produce budget frameworks that allow you to gain comfort with the project's financial scope, revised and refined if need be to assure that.

5 STEPS TO SUCCESS: DESIGN LEADS, BUILDING FOLLOWS.



Develop

With that clarity, you'll select products and finishes while we work out the details, all guided by the cost framework we've produced. Working together, we've set the stage for the project to be well managed.



Build

With clear instructions about what to build, we mobilize the tradecraft crew, schedule their work, and coordinate and manage every step of construction. You meet with us regularly as progress is made to be kept informed and engaged.



Design + Build = Value

When builders work side by side with architects and you, here's what happens:

The design is scrutinized for build-ability and cost from the beginning.

Trade partners expand our thinking with guidance from their practical experience. When it's time to build, they've been involved in the planning, engaged in the budgeting, and familiar with the project and its goals.

And you've had the chance to get to know each other, establishing a relationship of familiarity and trust before a nail is driven.



**“After you work with
Wolfworks your
expectations become
bigger. You never see a
house in the same way
again. Our house looks
exactly like what we
imagined, but it works
better than we knew it
could.”**

— Doug & Dina



Let's Get
Started

The journey begins with a readiness to act.

When you're ready, we've designed a process of feasibility and orientation that applies our Better Home guidance to your journey to that better home. Our Project Snapshot is designed to provide you the information you need and the guidance you are missing to move forward with confidence.



We've cleared your path

Your Project Snapshot provides you with the clarity you're seeking to confidently begin designing, and eventually building your better home. In this meeting you will:

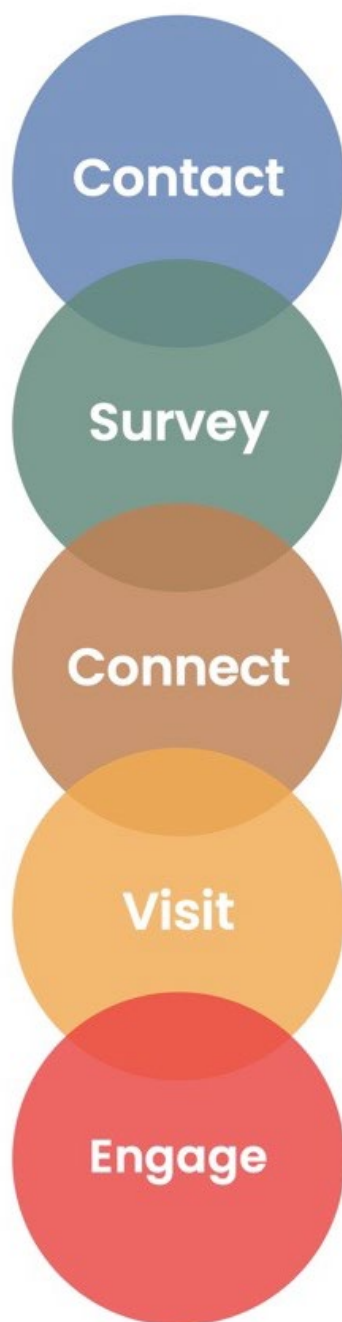
- Establish an “eyes wide open” understanding of the budget framework for designing and building your project
- Gain insights that bring the project opportunities and challenges into focus
- Receive an orientation to how design is integrated with construction to clear your path to a great home
- Have a roadmap and itinerary to lead your way
- Receive your Project Snapshot report, providing the information you need and the guidance you’re missing to gain the confidence to begin designing

Contact

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5 STEPS THAT MOVE YOU FORWARD



Once you contact us our guidance begins

You'll introduce us to the project you're considering

You'll connect with the design team via zoom, or phone if you prefer

We'll meet to provide project feasibility and orientation and present your Project Snapshot Report

We'll invite you to an online hub just for your project to continue to engage

**Let's work together to create
a **Better Home** for a **Better Life**
while reducing our impact for a
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