

Using SIPs: A Different Approach to Log Home Construction

We first introduced you to Bob and Sandy Jaros and their family in our January issue. The Jaroses are currently building a log home in Colorado; Alpenglow Log & Timber Homes is supplying the materials package, and Premier Custom Homes is the builder.

In that first story, we used the Jaroses'

experiences to illustrate the process of planning and building a manufactured log home. The system used on their home, however, is not typical of all manufactured log homes. Over the next few issues of Log Home Design Ideas, we will follow the Jaroses through the remaining stages of construction, including an in-depth

look at the planning stages, interior work, final exterior touches, and interior design. We'll wrap up our study of the Jaros project with a visit to their completed home.

In this installment, we're going to look at the structural insulated panel (SIP) system used on the home.



ABOVE: This photo of Bob and Sandy Jaroses' home in Colorado shows various elements of the SIP construction being used. Under the deck, an exposed panel reveals a SIP before being covered in building wrap. Panels in the home's lower level await vertical full-log trim and siding.

The upper level has already received trim, windows and siding.