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The progression of a Hampton dream home

Mark Fratto of Hampton, NH is a man who knows well the challenges of building a home or addition and how important is to buy the right materials from a knowledgeable and reliable source.



A second-generation contractor himself, Fratto, 38, and his father have done business with Rand Lumber since the early 1980s. So when it came time for Fratto to build a home for his newlywed wife Lisa and himself around 1990, he naturally chose Rand Lumber to

provide the top quality clear pine baseboards and trim he needed for his home.

Thirteen years later, Mark, now the proud father of two daughters Ashley and Kaitlin and a son Nicolas, is relying once again on the quality products and service he's gotten from Rand over the years to build a 16x20-foot addition to accommodate his growing family.

"The whole idea of this project is to just expand on what we built 13 years ago," says Fratto. "I'm a general contractor myself, and I count on Rand for business all the time. A contractor always seems to be pressed for time when working on his own home and usually it's always a work in progress. This is our first major modification to our home. Before we had a lofted music room, but we made that into a kid's bedroom, so now we need more space."

This time around though, Fratto relies on Rand Lumber for even more materials than before. From the frame to flooring, insulation, doors, windows, sheetrock and roofing, Fratto gets everything he needs from Rand Lumber to go from an empty site to weather-tight building.

"One material I'm using for the flooring is called AdvantTech, a high-grade chip board that has a 50-year warranty. I've used other products before, but I find that product works well, especially during the construction process when you might have 3-4 days worth of rain on the floor and you don't always have the opportunity to top everything off as you'd like to," he says.

Other materials Fratto gets from Rand include Brosco double-hung, low energy windows and a special V-groove finish piece of pine which will accent the sheetrock work with a look of old-fashioned beams. "It's a versatile piece of interior/exterior pine that they mill right at Rand Lumber," adds Fratto.

Though he is a skilled contractor, Fratto admits there's not a single guy around who knows everything about building and that it's nice to be able to go to a lumber yard like Rand Lumber and get advice on materials and assistance in determining everything he'll need.

"One of their counter guys put together a whole list for me at the start of the project, and I've been working off that list from the start. And the materials have always been delivered to me on time, so it's been a really good experience,"

Fratto says.

"Little by little, the progression of our dream home will continue as our life goes on.

Future projects could include a garage and workshop addition, and Rand Lumber will be there again."



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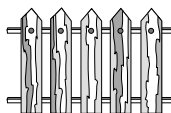
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