

WINTER HOURS

(starting Nov. 1st)

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A big tree setting deserves a big timber home

When you build a colonial-style home deep in the backwoods of Maine along a dirt road, a house adorned with decorative eaves and big white ornamental columns isn't what comes to mind – at least for Doug DeGrappo of DeGrappo Carpentry, an Eliot, Me., general contractor who's building just that type of custom home at 6 Guyway in Eliot for David and Nong Conolly and their someday-soon children and pets to move into.

Instead, DeGrappo says, a more rugged and heavy-duty appearance suits this home and its surroundings best. For the Conolly's home, that means rugged cedar clap siding, a large cambara (Brazilian mahogany) front porch and on the inside big exposed 6x6 and 6x12-inch timber beams – all of which he gets from Rand Lumber, the company Doug has relied on for building materials the last five years.

"I'd like to timber-frame every house we do. Unfortunately, it's not cost-effective all the time. But even if we can't timber-frame it and make a full post-and-beam home, we'll conventionally frame it and add some decorative beams in the home to set it apart a bit, like this home.

This home is conventionally framed, but we threw some big sticks in it to give it an older, more rugged look," DeGrappo says.

Another distinctive feature of the home appears on the right side where

Doug has constructed a "shed" wing with high sloped ceilings and skylights instead of gabling the house out to the end. The result is an airy and sunny space that the Conollys intend to use

as a family room.

"You don't see that look on every colonial. It gives it some character," adds DeGrappo.

And whether it was those big beams or 33 squares of pre-primed cedar siding – the first of which Rand mills themselves – DeGrappo knew he could count on Rand Lumber to deliver



what he needed when he needed it.

"Basically I deal only with them. They're my only real distributor. Jim Rand is great. I deal with him directly, and we've worked together enough now that

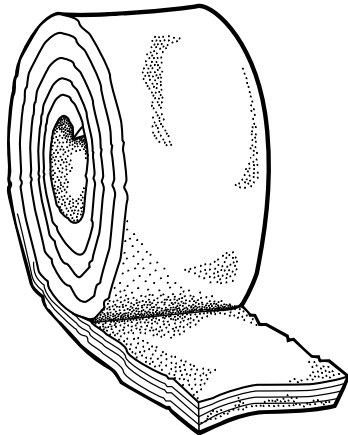
he knows what I like," DeGrappo says. In all, Rand Lumber supplied DeGrappo with all framing materials, all siding, both interior and exterior trim, stair parts, kitchen cabinets and countertops, all interior and exterior doors, all railings and decking materials, cement for the front porch and 30-year Cambridge architectural shingles.

"Because I sit down with Jim beforehand, everything is written out and we both know when framing and siding and everything else comes," DeGrappo says. "We're on the same schedule, so everything is there when it's supposed to be. They're a smaller company, but easier to deal with because they don't have a million different contractors. They keep the contractors that they have happy, so it works well for me. And there are always next-day deliveries, too, when I need them."

"I don't have time to shop around, and we have a pretty good relationship, so I stick with them. It works well for both of us," DeGrappo adds.



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