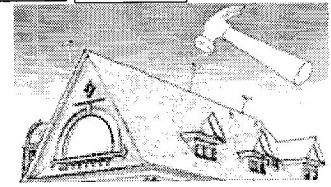

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*Hi Carl, I am half-way through your book. I am catching myself reading each chapter 2-3 times! It has been a great help as I start to build my dream home.*

*I was hoping you*

*could help me determine the cost to build in Broward County Florida (zip is 33325).*

*I have purchased an acre lot and am eager to start building but want to make sure I am budgeting properly.*

*Thanks for your expertise! David*

Hi David, You didn't give me much to go on as to what size and style house you were planning to build, so I chose a house I found on [houseplansandmore.com](http://houseplansandmore.com) that I liked.

It has a stucco veneer, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and 2,324 square feet of living area and a nice floor plan. [Houseplansandmore.com](http://Houseplansandmore.com) has this to say about Florida house plans:

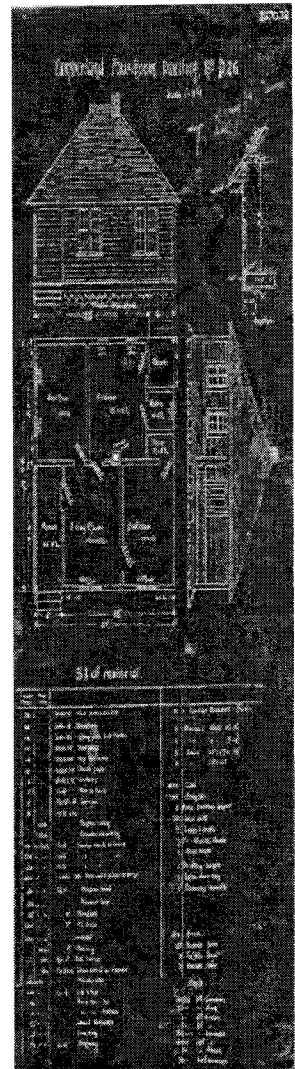
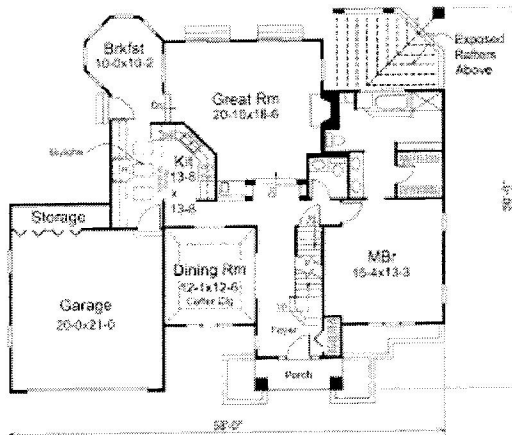
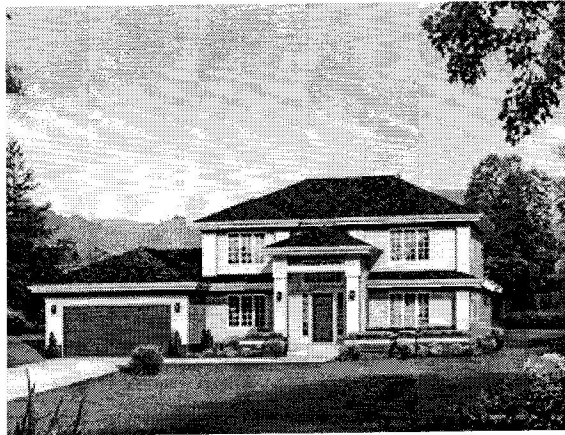
"Florida style homes mirror the design of Spanish or Mediterranean architecture with features including tile roofs, arches, stucco siding and contemporary lines. But, unlike Mediterranean or Spanish homes, many Florida homes use pastel hues rather than vivid ones.

Although Mediterranean and Spanish styles are popular, another Florida style is the home raised on piers seen in beach/coastal areas. These homes are casual and relaxed with many windows and verandas for enjoying seaside breezes.

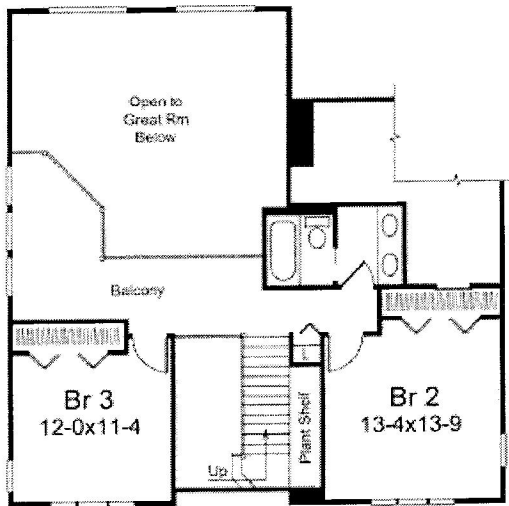
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One thing that all Florida homes have in common is their durability to strong weather conditions and high humidity."

Colonade Prairie Style Home from houseplansandmore.com



New House Plans



- 2324 Total Square Feet
- 1st Floor 1599

- 2nd Floor 725
- Width: 58'-0" Depth: 51'-8"
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Full Baths, 1 Half Bath
- 2-Car Attached, Front Entry: 420 sq. ft.
- Concrete Slab Foundation - Striking exterior with stucco and hip roof
- Ascending flared stair adds drama to open foyer with second floor balcony
- Sunken two-story great room with balcony overlook enhanced with arched transom windows and opens to octagon-shaped breakfast room
- Master suite enjoys an opulent bath overlooking private walled garden

I ran a cost to build using the [construction estimating software](#) from Craftsman Book using Quality Class #4 except for the foundation, where I used Quality Class #6.

Estimated cost to build using the cost to build calculator = \$319,253 including the General Contractor markup of \$38,983.

David, this will give you an approximate idea as to how much a new home will cost.

Until you actually start getting bids and entering them into your own spreadsheet ([see my spreadsheet page for FREE spreadsheets](#)), it will remain approximate.

Everyone should keep in mind that the cost to build a house for this example, or any house plan, can vary considerably depending on actual bids for contractor labor and building materials. The cost of land, land development, local government fees, impact fees, etc., are not included in any of my cost to build examples.

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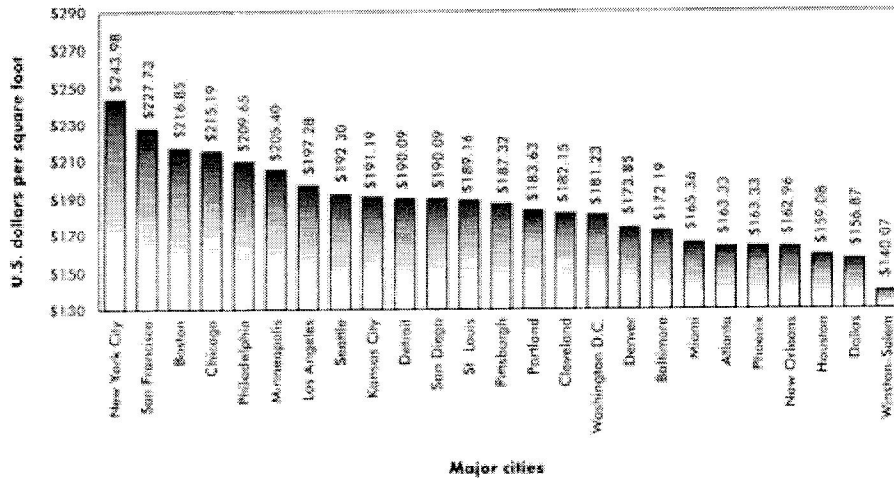
Cost estimates change with time. YOU can update this 2018 estimate to see if it has, as well as experimenting with different building quality inputs that affect the cost to build.

Carl Heldmann

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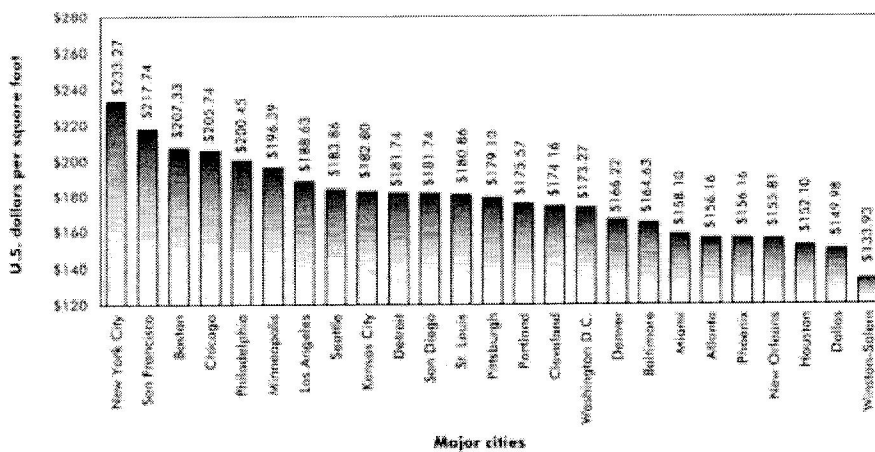
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For the most common office building size, two to four stories tall, the range is from just over \$140 per square foot in Winston-Salem to over \$240 per square foot in New York – Note that this is over \$10 per square foot more than last year. The spread here is largely due to the local cost of labor and regulations that allow various construction types that are allowed in low rise construction. For example, in some cases where wood frame construction is still allowed, depending on location and occupancy, this would help to keep costs lower. In areas that are restricted to non-flammable construction, price per square foot will go up.

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|                  |                  |           |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Type of Building | Office 1-3 story |           |
| Project Location | Florida-Miami    |           |
| Type of Work     | Lump Sum         |           |
| Cost Index       | Median           |           |
| Square Feet      | 1,200.00         |           |
| Subtotal         |                  | 85,768.72 |
| Overhead         | 10.00%           | 8,576.87  |
| Profit           | 5.00%            | 4,288.44  |
| Bonding          | 1.00%            | 857.69    |
| Total Budget     |                  | 99,491.72 |
| Per Square Foot  |                  | 82.91     |



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|                  |                         |
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| Type of Building | Office 1-3 story        |
| Project Location | Florida-West Palm Beach |
| Type of Work     | Lump Sum                |
| Cost Index       | Median                  |
| Square Feet      | 1,200.00                |
| Subtotal         | 82,907.79               |
| Overhead         | 10.00% 8,290.78         |
| Profit           | 5.00% 4,145.39          |
| Bonding          | 1.00% 829.08            |
| Total Budget     | 96,173.04               |
| Per Square Foot  | 80.14                   |



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