

Dennis & Marjorie Meckel Construction  
Recommended by  
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I am a native born New Braunfelser, but left while still a teenager to join the military. Marcia and I traveled all over the world, but as retirement time approached, we were lucky enough to have the opportunity to return. We purchased land off of Schoenthal Ranch Road over 20 years ago, hoping this might happen. We waited for over 30 years to buy/build our dream house.

For almost a year, we searched various websites for housing plans and settled on two or three. Dennis and Margie were the first, and only, builders that we contacted. Dennis' family is known in Comal and surrounding counties as premier general contractors, and Dennis enjoys the additional reputation of being the best cabinet maker in the area. Dennis' uncle, L.A. Meckel, built my father's house, and his other uncle, David Meckel, has build quality homes for decades. David is a friend and recommended Dennis and Margie to us. The minute that we met Dennis and Margie, we knew that we would look no further. We felt as if we had known them all our lives.

Dennis reviewed our first plan, took the copy that we made from the web, and drew detailed construction plans based on it with all of our desired changes. We decided not to build that style, so Dennis patiently drew two other plans before we located the basic exterior and interior plan for our house. Again, Dennis transformed these rudimentary plans into detailed, construction drawings. He prepared complete materials and cost list, and discussed all of the various options available.

Although we had absolutely no knowledge of the building trade, Dennis and Margie's skills were immediately apparent through their assembly of quality subcontractors. Marcia was at the building site almost daily and came to know all of the subs. She attests to their honesty and quality of workmanship. We were very comfortable in knowing that the Meckels hired only the most competent subcontractors and supervised even the minutest of details.

Dennis built all of our kitchen cabinets from scratch. Some of our cabinets are very unusual and required skills that most cabinet makers lack. We showcase these cabinets to our house guests. We were so impressed with Dennis' cabinetry skills that we commissioned a reproduction of a 1850s "kleidershrank", or wardrobe, for use as an entertainment center. The original of this piece is featured at the New Braunfels Heritage Museum, and the replica is featured as a focal point in our home.

I have strongly recommended Dennis and Margie Meckel to three of my co-workers. There is no way that I would have done this without my having complete satisfaction with and confidence in the Meckels. I have to tell you, if you are considering building a new custom home, you would do yourself a disservice not speaking with Dennis and Margie.

Ron and Marcia