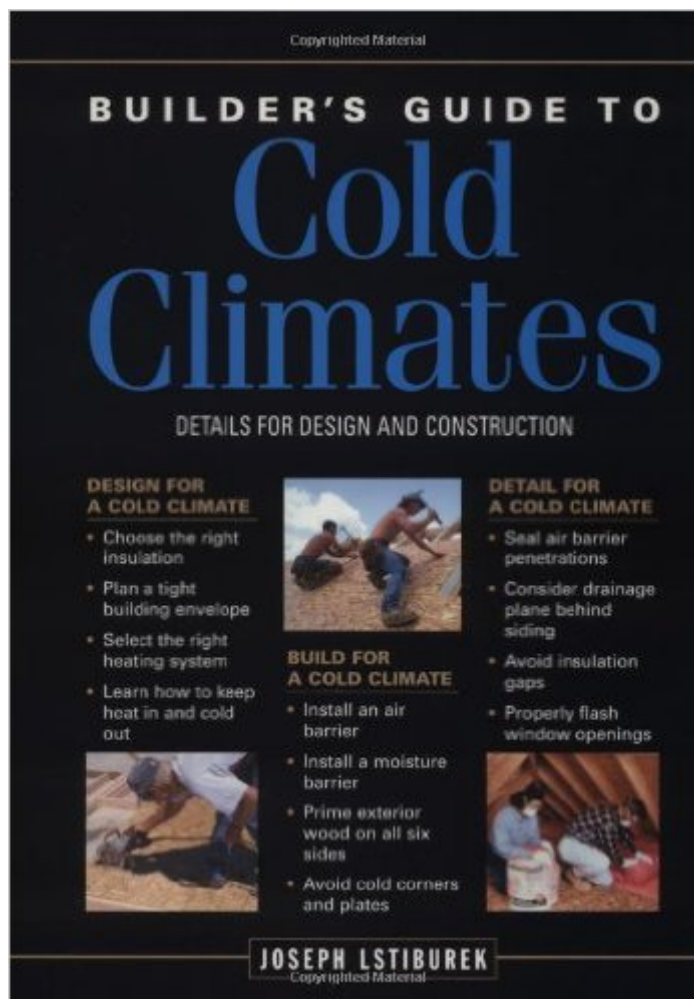


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# Builder's Guide To Cold Climates: A Comprehensive Guide To The Best Cold-Climate Building Techniques



## Synopsis

This manual presents the best techniques for energy and resource efficient residential construction in the colder climates of North America. Lstiburek (a forensic engineer who heads Building Science Corp. in Massachusetts) presents information on the practicalities of choosing the right insulation, heating systems, keeping heat in, air and moisture barriers, exterior wood priming, avoiding cold corners and plates, sealing air barriers, considering drainage planes behind siding, avoiding insulation gaps, and flashing window openings. Contains many diagrams. Spiral wire binding.

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## Customer Reviews

I have reviewed lots of books and magazines on residential building techniques for energy and resource efficiency. There is a lot of confusion and misinformation out there. This book clears it up in one authoritative and concise guide to building techniques. For those who want to know how and why to build it right. Best source available on moisture control and insulation applications.

Challenges some conventional wisdom. Concepts demonstrated in great graphics. Listiburek is a respected expert.

Well focused and aimed at the home builder in 6500 degree-day and colder climates, e.g. Minnesota, it contains a complete roundup of insulation, ventilation, and moisture-proofing problems. The basic

format consists of a text discussion of a topic, followed by a section containing numerous architectural drawings that illustrate the material. These subjects are misunderstood by many, so it's good to have a book that covers the material in easy-to-understand language and drawings.

This book is well written with lots of diagrams and practical building information. I rate a book's value by how long I take to read it (if it's interesting and has good information, I read more slowly and carefully) this book took a few days! I refer to it often. Example - how to insulate a crawl space - there is information and diagrams covering almost any situation - vented crawl, un-vented, insulate outside the foundation or inside - take your pick!

"Builder's Guide To Cold Climates" is packed with great details, usefull to anyone building today. This reader/Builder found it pricy, and thought that more explanitory material should be included.I recommend "The JLC Guide To Moisture Control". It's a fourth of the price, offers fewer construction details, but includes tons of photos and explanations based on forensic repair data.

Excellent instructions.Very detailed drawings, and many different design options presented.Author does a great job of explaining the definitions related to HVAC.

Lstiburek's got it. This is immediately applicable stuff to ensure that you don't have to deal with the very expensive repairs attendant to moisture where it is not wanted. Highly recommended.

I bought this book for my brother that lives in the midwest. He is in the process of building a cabin and was surprised of what he can do to make it more livable in cold weather.

I highly recommend this reference to architects, builders and anyone planning to build north of the mason-dixon line.

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