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Tree House Tips

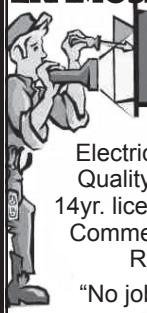
A tree house can be a place of wonder and imagination for children. It can also be a great construction project Dad and kids can work on together. If you're thinking about erecting a tree house in your yard, consider these tips:

Choosing the location: The most ideal trees for building a tree house are oak, beech, maple, fir, and hemlock. Consider the view the house will have as well as the wind exposure to the tree. In addition, you need to consider branch thickness and where you will support the tree house itself. And keep in mind that a tree will twist and sway in weather, so your house needs to account for that movement.

Plan out the project: Sketch out your plans on paper to see if they will work in the real world.

Get creative: Keep in mind the person for whom the tree house is being built. Is it a clubhouse or a secret retreat? Factor usage into design plans and use your imagination.



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