

A Tradition of Structural Integrity

**Farm & Ranch
and
Shop Buildings**



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66' x 150' x 20'6"
Fulda, MN

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Dependable Performance Since 1947

Lester Building Systems LLC was founded on integrity. Integrity in its engineering and manufacturing standards. Integrity in the way it does business. In large part, this could explain how Lester has been an enduring fixture on the American landscape since 1947. Evolving out of those early days of simple pole buildings to today's most advanced engineered systems, Lester is now a leading national post frame building company.

For sure, over 140,000 installed buildings provide solid physical evidence of this legacy. It's what satisfied customers have to say, however, that counts most. In survey after survey, it's clear that Lester building owners appreciate a company committed to quality, flexibility and a superior building buying experience.

It's an experience that often starts with **eBuildings**, America's only instant and localized internet pricing, that helps you plan with confidence. Then, the experience just gets better with the power of Lester's groundbreaking software, **Improv**®. Nothing else compares to **Improv**® with its ability to quickly refine, engineer and price your building -- complete with professional 3D views and drawings. Simply put, **Improv**® is changing the way buildings are planned and purchased.



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54' x 100' x 14'
Northfield, MN

Since its inception as Lester's Inc. in 1947, a regional direct builder, to the progressive leader it is today, Lester Buildings has always provided unmatched flexibility and structural integrity.

Confident Building Decisions

When considering a post-frame structure, the building buyer of today has many, many options. Of course, that's no different than any other product, except for the fact that the stakes are higher. The ramifications, should a wrong choice be made, are greatly amplified. If you want to feel confident about your decision after

you've made it, then we invite you to consider a Lester.

Lester buildings feature the crisp, trimmed-out curb appeal demanded by today's discriminating consumer. But the real benefits of a Lester are found in the framework of our building systems. This is where you can see long-standing features that, without question, reflect

our concern for design integrity. And despite constant pressures to do otherwise, Lester will continue its "no short cuts" engineering and manufacturing approach because it's just the right thing to do.

Thank you for considering a Lester building. Your local Lester dealer is ready to help you complete your structure in the most flexible, professional manner available today.

Functionality and Affordable Good Looks



"Since I have been farming, I have always dreamed of owning my own farm shop. As my business expanded, I realized that I needed more than just a farm shop; I needed a place I could also house my growing cattle order buying business. My dreams came true as we designed and built a multipurpose facility complete with a shop, office, and conference room. The people at Lester Buildings were very helpful in planning and completing a farm shop to meet my unique needs. I would like to thank Lester Buildings and our local Lester dealer for their hard work, expertise, and detail in design."

— BRYCE HEINRICHS
DESHLER, NE

216015
72' x 100' x 18'
Hiawatha, KS



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Many Lester buildings are protected from the elements by Lester's very own roof and wall panel – available in a wide variety of traditional and contemporary colors, plus, many other color combinations.

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From small hobby structures to full-service repair facilities, Lester has a building solution for you.

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Historical performance records indicate Lester structures simply perform more dependably than others when it really counts – under extreme weather conditions like heavy snow loads.

The Benefits of a Lester Building

No other company in the post-frame building industry provides the kind of customer-friendly tools to simplify the building buying process like Lester Buildings. For example, at the front-end of your building buying experience, Lester and our network of independent Lester dealers offer **eBuildings**, the industry's first online building pricing website.

eBuildings is a one-of-a-kind site that effectively puts YOU in the driver's seat, allowing you to conveniently browse hundreds of different buildings — ranging from simple machine storage sheds and shops to stables and arenas.

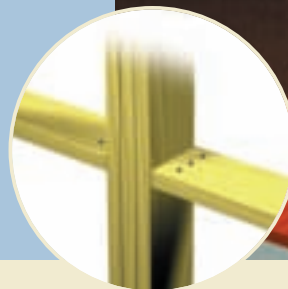
Then, once you have found a building that best suits your needs, you may add any number of accessories, apply your desired colors and view the building's material and labor price! The service is available 24/7, from the comfort of your home, office or wherever you access the internet!

eBuildings is a whole new way for you to get a head start in designing and pricing a building on your own!



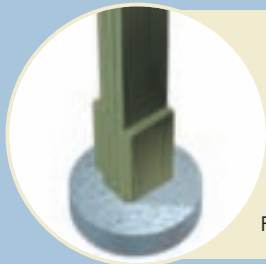
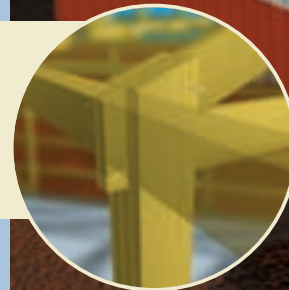
Interlocking Wall Systems

Lester Buildings have always featured time-tested interlocking framing systems that are second to none in structural integrity. Custom to every situation, **Improv**® suggests the most cost-effective framing system for your particular need. Improv might specify a continuous girt system (left) or flush-frame system (top — typically used for insulated and lined shop buildings).



Interlocking Truss-to-Column Connection

The saddled truss connection has long been the centerpiece of Lester's wall systems. Unique in the industry, this beefy connection allows for secure fastening from both sides of the column, effectively more than doubling the strength of the connection. This design also allows for a more efficient load transfer from roof to wall.



Uni-Frame® I Footing*

Provides a consistent, high-quality foundation, straighter eave line and makes your building less susceptible to wind damage. Unlike others, Lester's pre-cast footings don't rely on variable moisture found in the soil to ensure its integrity! The factory-adhered anchor blocks provide proven, consistent uplift resistance. Note: the footings shown (left) here are typical. However, **Improv**®, Lester's building design and pricing program, will properly design a footing and anchoring system needed to meet the your building's specific design loads! For example, in certain higher load situations, a concrete collar system (right) may be required.



For illustrative purposes only. Actual Lester building details may vary.

- Variable column-spacing for complete design flexibility.
- Strong and uniform multi-ply, laminated #1 stress-rated Southern Yellow Pine/ Douglas Fir – or better – columns.
- 0.6 pcf CCA-treated column material used below finished grade.
- Columns are anchored with pre-cast footings to protect against potential settling and wind uplift.
- 0.075 pcf copper naphthenate (CuNAP) treated splashplank.
- Optimum use of longer-length lumber reduces the number of splices, adding strength.
- Trusses are manufactured using the highest lumber grades, as specified by Improv, to meet your building's special requirements.
- Lester gusset plates are heavy duty G-60 truss plates for added strength and corrosion protection.
- A custom-engineered purlin framing system to fit your specific requirements.
- A strong, smooth-operating and warp-free steel-framed sliding door system.
- Four steel panel systems to choose from to fit your specific needs - all manufactured directly by Lester Building Systems.

Total Building Design Superiority

The Uni-Frame® System provides superior structural integrity through one source. Trusses, roof purlins, bracing, columns and wall girts are engineered as a complete package. You avoid the anxiety of having multiple-component suppliers concerned only with their parts of the building. In some instances, you can even benefit from lower insurance rates.

The Strongest Steel Panel in the Industry

Uni-Rib™ is Lester's exclusive steel roof and wall panel. It features a unique design combination of superior steel tensile strength, (80,000 psi minimum) high-performance corrugation pattern and optimum thickness to create the strongest panel available today. A paint warranty up to 40 years protects the steel wall and roof systems. Plus, high quality galvanized exterior screw fasteners provide more strength and corrosion resistance.



Improv®, Lester's industry-leading design and pricing software program, further separates the Lester building experience from all others. Improv is unique technology that gives your Lester builder the powerful ability to integrate design, pricing and drawings in a professional presentation wherever it's most convenient for you.

Improv is the ultimate customer service tool in that, with your direct input, it can bring your building project to life, on-screen, before your very eyes!

Featuring computer-accurate views such as 3D isometric, elevation and floor plan drawings, **Improv** lets you visualize your building "on the fly", before committing to an order. Don't like the location you've chosen for a door, window, or porch? No problem, they can be relocated with a few clicks of the mouse for a fast, alternative view - saving you weeks from the typical experience.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, **Improv** is busy engineering and final pricing your new Lester building!

As the industry's only true design and pricing software, **Improv** forever marks the end of the old days of "designing buildings on a napkin" and waiting weeks for drawings and a firm price.



Flush Purlin Roof System

A stronger purlin (typically 2' x 6' versus 2' x 4' used by many others) with less deflection. Southern Yellow Pine/Douglas Fir provides better fastener holding strength. Flush design greatly reduces bird nesting, improves truss bracing and increases diaphragm strength. Saddle hangers eliminate purlin roll, provide a stronger connection and increase resistance to wind uplift.



Uni-Frame Columns

Lester's multi-ply Uni-Frame columns have a bending capacity up to 60% greater than solid 6" X 6" posts and allow for more uniform penetration of CCA treatment. Factory-assembled, laminated columns feature a mechanically controlled nailing pattern assuring consistency; thus, overall structural integrity is improved especially if wood knots are present.



Flexible Foundation Systems

Lester offers the flexibility of setting columns in the ground or on a concrete foundation such as Lester's Uni-Frame II system, shown here.

- To meet your personal and local requirements, all purlins, girts, nailers and bracing are individually engineered to assure maximum strength and rigidity.
- While a variety of standard widths are available, each Lester building is individually designed to meet your needs, providing industry-leading flexibility.
- Service provided by independent, locally-owned Lester dealers brings knowledge of local conditions/codes, more dependable crew accessibility and greater confidence in buying from someone you know.
- Lifetime Structure Design Warranty Protection.
- Lester's leadership is supported by on-going product development, quality control and testing programs.

Are Built into Every Detail

Trimming Options that Add Value to Your Design

"We were looking for a building that provided structural integrity and first class energy concepts but didn't sacrifice curb appeal. We looked at several other building manufacturers, but always came back to Lester Building Systems' Uni-Frame™ II Building System. We are very happy with our Lester building and could not be more satisfied with the overall energy efficiency of the product."

— KIM PETERSON
BERESFORD, SD

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30' x 50' x 16' with 10' x 50' x 8' porch
Louisville, OH



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An attached office gets you closer to the action and integrates your entire operation to run more efficiently.



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The gambrel roof option combined with a shady porch adds aesthetic and functional value to your Lester building.



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Chose from a full range of commodity storage building designs to suit your specific production needs.



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60' x 120' x 17' with
30' x 21' x 8' attached
Scribner, NE



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Lester offers a long list of accessories – cupolas, vented overhangs, ridge vents, gutters and downspouts to name just a few – to enhance the look and utility of your building.



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Lester buildings come in all shapes and sizes, roof designs and interior layouts. Dormers on even the most basic building add simple but enduring appeal. Wood interior paneling adds a rustic touch.

“When I decided to build my storage barn with Lester Buildings, it was only after extensive comparative shopping. Once I was convinced of the quality of materials, I had the pleasure of working with the Lester factory representative, who helped me with various options and provided practical suggestions I had not considered. Once construction began, I quickly saw why Lester and their customers were so proud of their buildings. The project was completed on schedule under difficult weather conditions. Needless to say, I could not be more pleased with the experience I have had in working with Lester Buildings and my new building is the envy of the neighborhood.”

— STAN ERICKSON
BRAINERD, MN

Insulated Shops For Year-Round Comfort

A comfortable, spacious and well-lit shop building can be the very heart of your operation. Especially during those snowy or rainy days when working inside is the only option! Proper planning and design is absolutely critical in order to create the most effective work environment. Whatever your needs might be, from a basic, unlined storage center to a lined, insulated and acoustically-controlled profit center, your Lester independent dealer or factory representative can help!

Over time, you can be sure that the renowned flexibility and energy-efficiency of your own Lester structure will accommodate your growing operation. For shop buildings that provide the best in year-round productivity, look to Lester and your local Lester dealer for a flexible, economical solution designed just for you!



Lester shop buildings can be a cost-effective center of activity — all year long — and protect you and your investments from nature's harsh extremes.



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