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## 5 tips to finding a good tradesman

### 1. ASK YOUR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER:

Designers work with builders all the time and know who to recommend from main contractors to smaller builders.

**2. CHECK OUT BUILDERS BOARDS:** Builders put up boards outside their projects to get work. Approach home owners to see if they are willing to recommend the builder.

**3. ASK FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:** Personal referral is the best way to find a trustworthy builder, ideally from someone you know and trust like family and friends.

**4. TRADE ASSOCIATIONS:** TrustMark is a not-for-profit organisation under which some 30 schemes operate, including the Federation of Master Builders (FMB), offering a database with local, trustworthy and reliable tradesmen, operating to Government standards at [fmb.org.uk](http://fmb.org.uk)

**5. TRADESMEN WEBSITES:** Mybuilder.com and RatedPeople.com are two market-leading websites that offer a database of recommended tradesmen.

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