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## Home Building

We look high and low as we continue to follow construction of a house from the ground up.

The siding is going up and the windows are in at the house in the Mountain Gate development in Springfield. But the house will need more than just natural light.

Roxie Cuellar with the Lane County Home Builders Association is picking out all the fixtures. She points to a wall of light fixtures and says "These are the outdoor lights we're choosing from."

She's chosen brushed metals for other details and is sticking to the theme. Roxie says "I try to make it as user friendly for the home buyer and how easy it is to change the light bulbs."

She picks a trio of lights for outside. Inside she wants to make a statement in the entry and the dining room. She picks two light fixtures that fit the space and the 9 foot ceiling height. It matches a style she's already fallen in love with. "This one is on sale, always an advantage"

Elias Rodriguez of Brighter Homes and Lighting says "Because there's generally families available of any fixture it makes it easy to do a house from top to bottom with that style whether it's nickel or bronze which is pretty hot right now."

Roxie already knows she's using a new bamboo flooring, called **Teragren Synergy**, for the hallways, dining room and kitchen. It is a renewable product that's 100% harder than oak. Doug Grubrud, the owner of Imperial Floors in Eugene says "It's cut into slivers and they're re-bonded together so it creates this much more unique visual."

To pick out the other flooring, she lays out the marble, granite and tile she'll use on the counter tops. She selects two carpets, one for the living areas, the other for the master bedroom.

Doug says "What makes it unique is the manufacturer combines 2 colors." Modern linoleum, another green product, will go in the bathrooms.

Back at the house, dry wall and painting are next, with just six weeks to go. The house has to be done by July 20th, in time for the Home Builders Association Tour of Homes.