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IN THIS NOVEMBER ISSUE OF TINY HOUSE MAGAZINE WE HAVE A GREAT LINEUP OF ARTICLES TO KEEP YOU INSPIRED ABOUT LIVING THE TINY HOUSE LIFE.

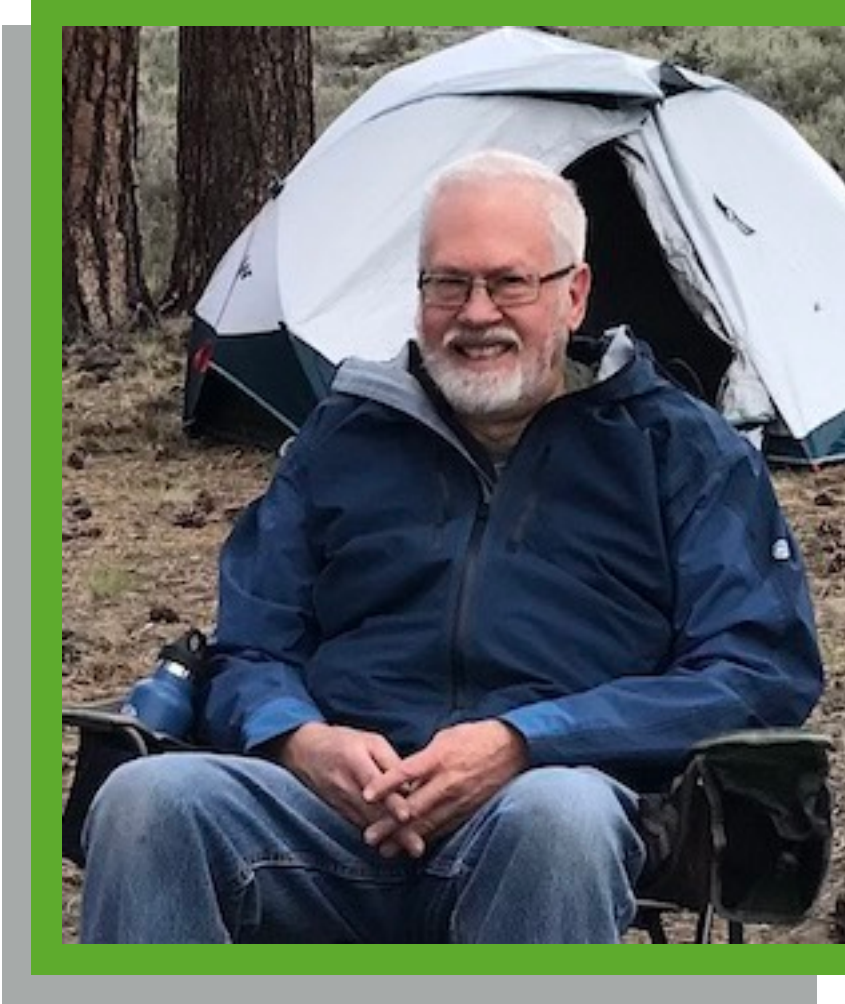
Meet master carpenter, Chris Strathy, who shares his journey of constructing his off-grid forever home using reclaimed materials. Discover how recycling and reusing can not only save you money but also add character and uniqueness to your tiny house.

Ladybugs vs. Japanese beetles - it's a tiny house showdown! Learn how to keep these little critters at bay and protect your cozy space from unwanted intruders. Your tiny house deserves to stay pest-free.

Laura M. LaVoie shares her story of how transitioning to a tiny house sparked a mental shift that transformed her life. Find out how downsizing can lead to personal growth and success in ways you never imagined.

Explore the world of affordable and efficient tiny living with the Grumpy Bear Camper. This molded fiberglass truck camper offers a lightweight shell, high-quality cabinetry, and a straightforward design, making it the perfect companion for your tiny adventures.

We hope you enjoy this issue filled with valuable insights, tips, and inspiration for your tiny house journey. Stay tuned for more tiny house goodness in the next edition of Tiny House Magazine!



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Kent Griswold, Editor in Chief



Caffeinated
Conversations
on REUSE

Written by Chris Strathy

We recently had a visit to the homestead. Alex Eaves and his tiny house (the reuse box truck) spent a week with us. Alex and I met in Pink Hill, NC a few years back at a tiny house festival where I got to tour the box truck, see his first film, and realize we both shared a huge passion for reuse. During his recent visit, it was such a blast walking the homestead with him and telling the stories behind some of my favorite reuses so far.

And, of course, there was coffee.

So grab a cup of your favorite caffeinated beverage while I share a few stories from the homestead.

My A-Door-Able Office

The first structure I built was a spot to escape the 140 square-foot camper my family of 4 (plus 2 dogs) shared. Built from old doors (mostly originals from my grandfather's house), it has been where I've done most of my work sketches and designing over the last 2 years.



Vincent Van Goat

In March of last year, my wife came home and said, "We're getting goats." I knew right away the old box van I'd been passing daily would be a fun, quick goat house/farm building and a great reuse. I dragged it home and created a room for Monica and Chandler (the goats), bunks for us (sometimes you need to have a goat sleepover), and some storage.

Farmhouse Demo

I have been building our homestead cabin for about a year (we are moving in as this is being published). The majority of our cabin's interior is salvaged from a farmhouse. I was given 5 days to save as much of its interior before a bulldozer wrecked it and MAN was it worth it. We salvaged a farmhouse sink, cast iron tub, heart-pine flooring, knotty pine panels, beaded tongue and groove and SO MUCH MORE from that old home place to be reused at ours.

The Doctor Is In.... My Kitchen Island

I saw a rusty old doctor's exam table at my favorite antique mall (West Main Antiques in Taylorsville, NC- A MUST VISIT if you're ever close) and the owners gave it to me for free. *That's my favorite price!* After lots of disinfecting, I removed the top cushion and replaced it with some live-edge walnut. I was sure to keep the stirrups since they make great towel holders!

Where We Will Be "Looming"... My Dining Table And Bench

Thanks again to West Main Antiques, I was given an old loom that was





I converted several old oil lamps, a mason jar, and an old tin for bay leaves into exactly what we needed.

Reused Bathrooms

We snagged 2 amazing 1970's toilets for less than the cost of new ones. I love the colors and a \$20 "rebuild kit" made them better than new. The cast iron tub I salvaged is now the boys. I wanted a fun vanity in my bathroom so I made one using a 1960s desk and fashioned a sink from an old roasting pan. The pendant light was made from an old tin for bay leaves.

The homestead has so many more reuses and I hope to share more in the future. Until then go check out Alex and [the Reuse Box truck online](#).

missing some parts. the second I saw it I thought "farmhouse table" and free wood. I had some leftover flooring to use as the top for the table and the back for the bench. I really love the story this one tells.

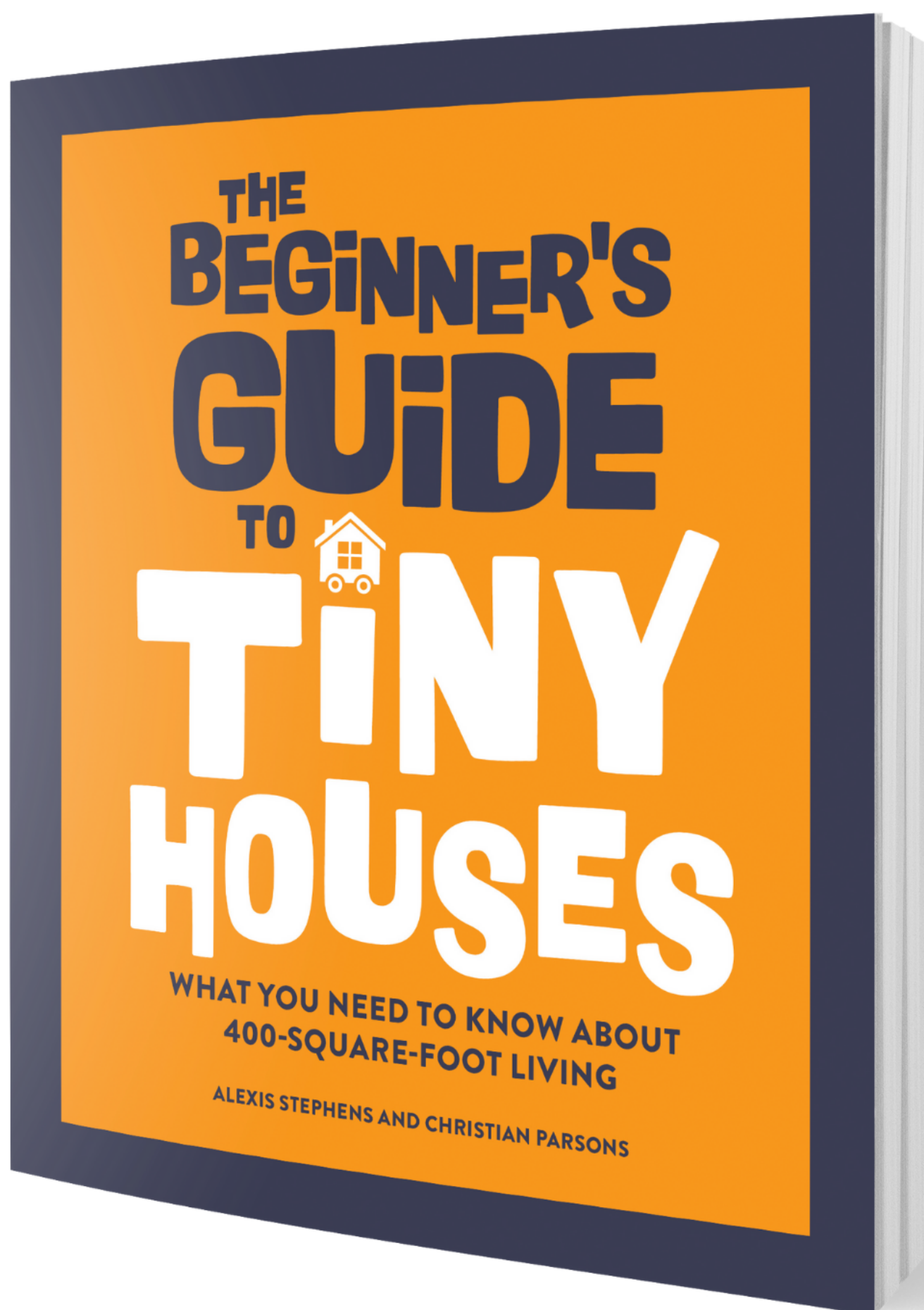
Let There Be Light

Light fixtures nowadays can be overpriced and, well, boring. I made a few fixtures. I was able to purchase pendant kits online to be able to make a few fun light fixtures.



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—Ethan Waldman, host of the Tiny House Lifestyle Podcast





These Little Lights of Mine

The holiday season is a time of joy, celebration, and merriment. It's a season when we all want to decorate our homes to create a festive atmosphere that warms our hearts and brings smiles to our faces. However, for those living in tiny homes, the challenge of holiday decorating often comes with the question: where do you store all those items when space is limited? In this article, we will explore creative solutions to this holiday decorating dilemma, focusing on the use of LED multicolor lights and collapsible inflatables that not only make your tiny home look festive but also save valuable space.

The charm of holiday decorating is something truly magical about decorating your home during the holiday season.

Whether it's Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving, or any other festive occasion, decorating brings families and friends together and fills the air with a sense of wonder. From twinkling lights and wreaths to ornaments and inflatables, holiday decorations create an atmosphere that evokes joy, nostalgia, and a strong sense of togetherness.

Tiny homes have become a popular choice for people looking to simplify their lives, reduce their environmental footprint, or downsize to a more manageable living space. These compact homes offer a unique and minimalist lifestyle, but they often come with limited storage options. So, how can you enjoy holiday decorating in a tiny home without sacrificing precious space?

LED multicolor lights have become a game-changer in the world of holiday decorating. These lights are energy-efficient, durable, and incredibly versatile. They come in various lengths and offer a wide range of color options, making them perfect for tiny homes.

Here are some tricks and ideas for using LED multicolor lights in your tiny home:

One of the key advantages of LED multicolor lights is their ability to change colors. With a simple press of a button, you can switch from red and green for Christmas to orange and purple for Halloween. This versatility allows you to celebrate multiple holidays without cluttering your space with different decorations. LED multicolor lights are not just for the holiday season. You can use them year-round to create different moods in your tiny home. For example, soft white or warm yellow lighting can create a cozy atmosphere for a quiet evening, while vibrant colors can be used for celebrations and gatherings.

Tiny homes often embrace a minimalist lifestyle, and LED lights align perfectly with this philosophy. Instead of storing multiple sets of decorations, you can achieve a festive look with a single set of lights, saving both space and money. LED lights are compact and flexible, making them suitable for decorating small spaces in your tiny home. Wrap them around shelves, windows, mirrors, or even your ceiling to add a touch of holiday magic without overwhelming your space.

Many LED multicolor light sets come with remote controls, allowing you to change colors, adjust brightness, and set timers with ease. This convenience enhances the user experience and lets you create the perfect ambiance effortlessly. Extend your holiday decorating to the outside of your tiny home by using LED lights to adorn your porch, deck, or patio. These lights are weather-resistant and can withstand various outdoor conditions. Get creative by incorporating LED lights into DIY holiday projects. Craft custom wreaths, unique wall art, or even centerpieces using LED lights as the focal point. The possibilities are endless.

The greatest feature of lighting during the holidays is that it can be utilized year-round inside your tiny home. Instead of just changing colors for different holidays, you can use LED multicolor lights to create themed lighting displays. For example, use soft blues and whites for a winter wonderland theme, or red, white, and blue for Independence Day celebrations. If your tiny home has a staircase, consider wrapping LED lights around the railing to create a magical stairway. This not only adds a festive touch but also enhances safety by providing subtle lighting at night. Create a ceiling canopy with LED lights in your living area. This can give your tiny home a cozy, intimate atmosphere perfect for holiday gatherings or romantic evenings. Hang LED lights in front of windows to create a beautiful curtain of lights. This not only adds a touch of magic to your home's exterior but also provides privacy when needed.

Another fantastic alternative to traditional holiday decorations in tiny homes is the use of collapsible inflatables. Inflatables have gained popularity due to their whimsical charm and the fact that they collapse for easy storage. The most significant advantage of collapsible inflatables is their ability to deflate and fold down to a compact size. This makes them incredibly easy to store in small spaces, such as closets, under beds, or in storage containers.

Collapsible inflatables come in a wide range of designs, from classic Santa Claus figures to elaborate nativity scenes, Halloween monsters, and more. You can find inflatables that suit your personal style and preferences for different holidays. Inflatables are incredibly easy to set up. Simply inflate them using a built-in pump, stake them into the ground, and plug them in. This hassle-free installation process means you can enjoy the festive look without spending hours on decoration.

Most collapsible inflatables are made from durable materials designed to withstand outdoor conditions. This means you can place them in your yard or on your porch, adding a festive touch to your tiny home's exterior. Some inflatables come with interchangeable accessories, allowing you to switch between holiday themes without purchasing multiple inflatables. For example, you can use the same inflatable base for both Halloween and Christmas by changing the attachments. Don't forget, inflatables can be just as much fun inside as they are outside. Miniature inflatable decorations can be used as table centerpieces. They add a whimsical touch to your dining table without taking up much space.

One of the most significant challenges faced by tiny homeowners is finding innovative ways to store their belongings, especially when it comes to seasonal decorations. Consider investing in storage bins or drawers that can fit under your bed. These can be used to store holiday decorations during the off-season, keeping them out of sight and making the most of otherwise unused space. Utilize vertical space by installing shelves or hooks on walls. This can be an excellent way to store smaller decorations, such as ornaments and lights, without taking up valuable floor space. Opt for furniture that doubles as storage, like a storage ottoman or a coffee table with hidden compartments. This approach maximizes the utility of your furniture while minimizing clutter. To save on storage space, consider rotating decorations throughout the year. Store half of your holiday decor and swap it with the current



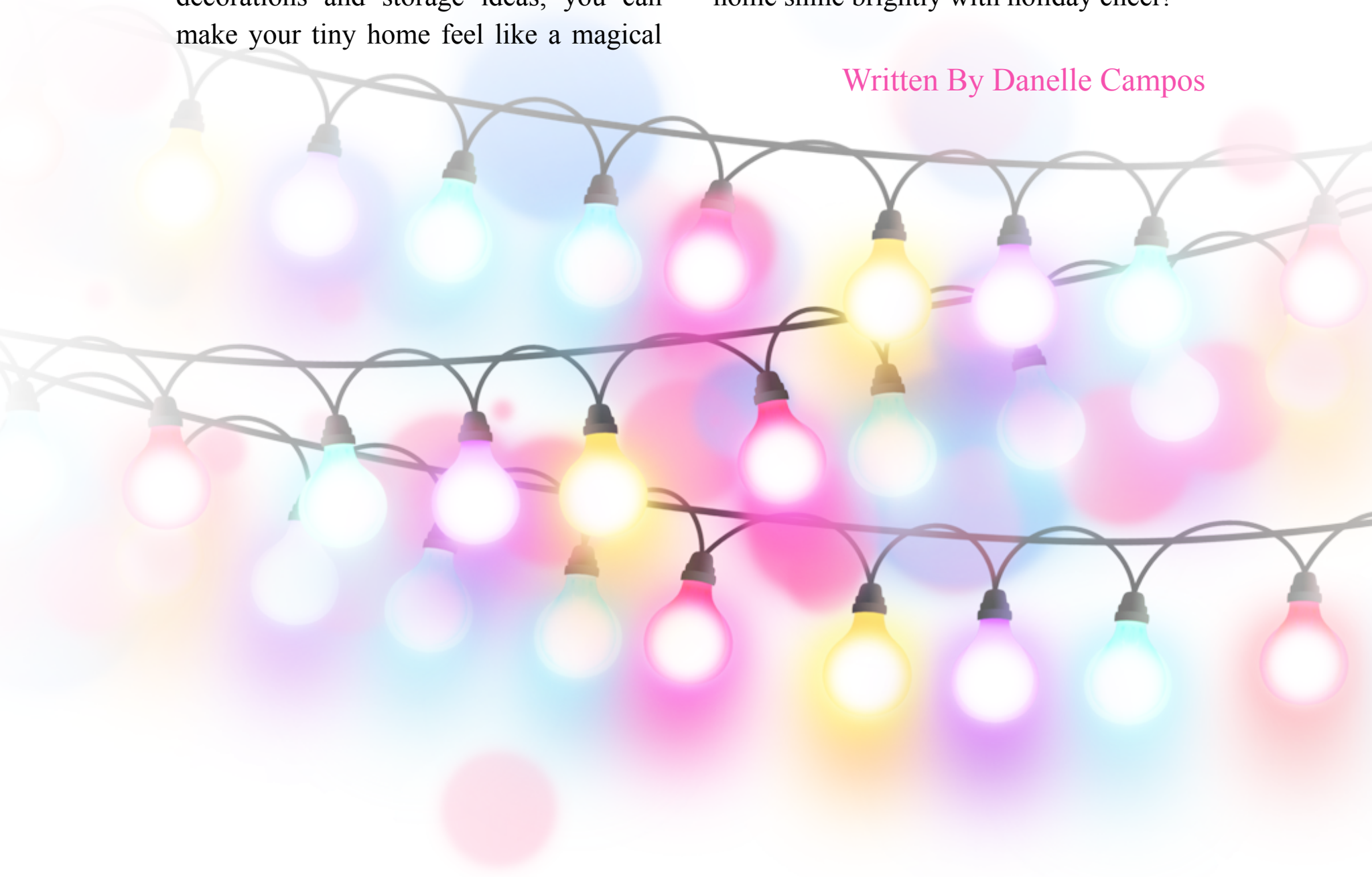
season's items when needed. This not only reduces storage needs but also keeps your tiny home feeling fresh and new. If you have outdoor space, consider installing a small shed or using weatherproof storage containers to keep your holiday decorations safely stored outside. This frees up indoor space and keeps your tiny home clutter-free.

In a tiny home, holiday decorating is not only about creating a festive atmosphere but also about finding clever ways to maximize space and minimize clutter. LED multicolor lights and collapsible inflatables offer practical and charming solutions for tiny homeowners who want to celebrate the holidays without sacrificing their minimalist lifestyle. By incorporating these space-saving decorations and storage ideas, you can make your tiny home feel like a magical

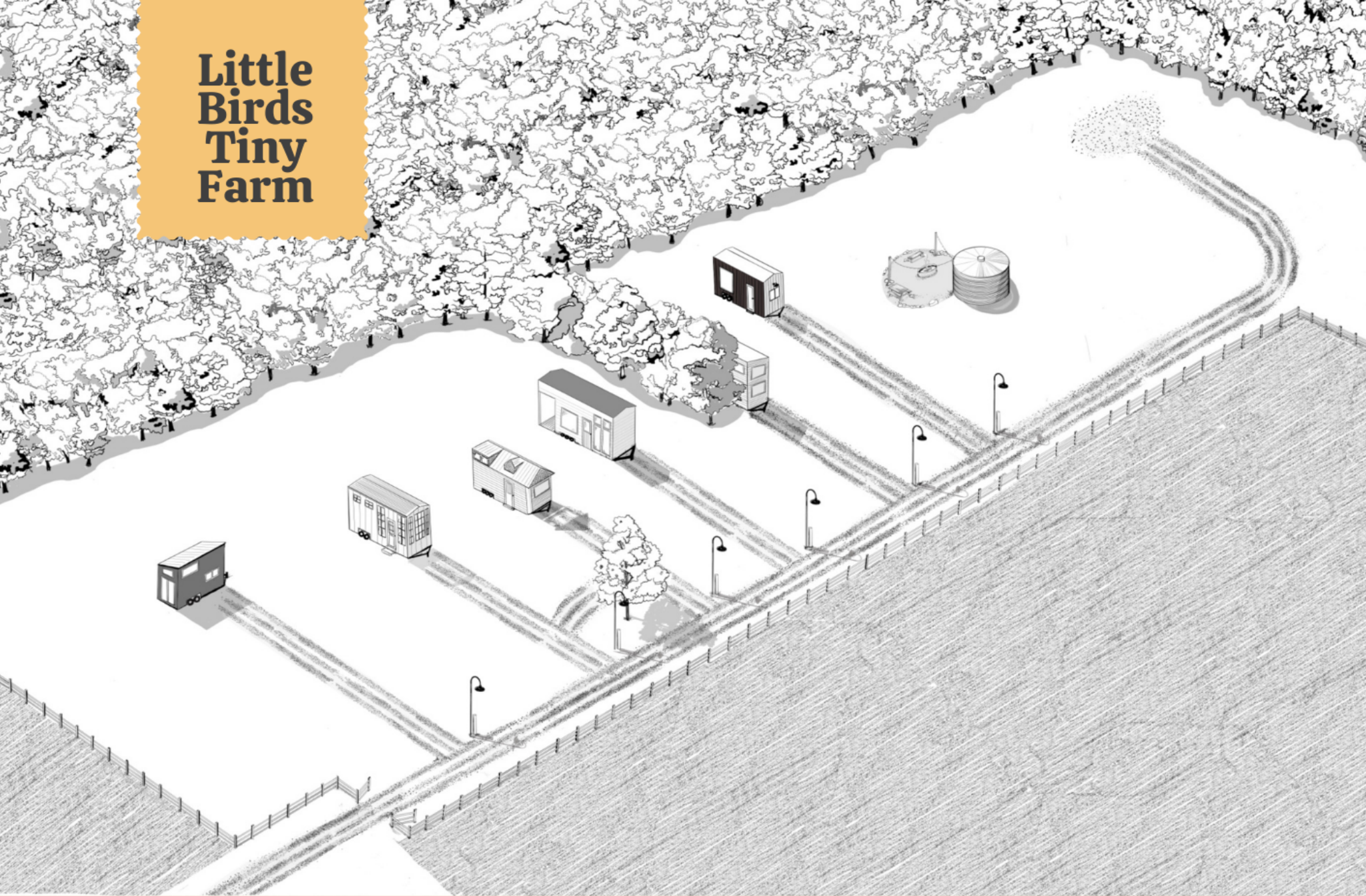
holiday retreat, regardless of the season. So, embrace the spirit of the holidays and let your tiny home shine brightly with holiday cheer, all while maintaining the simplicity and functionality that tiny living offers.

Living in a tiny home doesn't mean you have to sacrifice the joy of holiday decorating. LED multicolor lights and collapsible inflatables offer space-saving, versatile, and charming solutions to help you transform your tiny space into a festive wonderland. Whether you're celebrating Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving, or any other holiday, these creative ideas will allow you to enjoy the magic of the season without compromising on your minimalist lifestyle. So, go ahead and let your tiny home shine brightly with holiday cheer!

Written By Danelle Campos



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When Ladybugs Aren't So Lady Like

Written by Scarlet Coccinellid

Ladybug Facts

★ The Asian ladybug (*Harmonia axyridis*), also known as harlequin ladybug, is the most common ladybug in North America. It is considered as a pest.

★ In the 1940s, the largest ladybug wash up on shore happened in Libya. Over 4.5 billion ladybugs were spread over 21 km of shoreline. The reason for ladybug wash ups is unknown but there are speculations that they either travel by water or get swept up by a windstorm.

harmless with their half-inch size and featherweight, but when they decide to invade your off-grid sanctuary, they don't come solo. No sir, they bring a whole tribe with 'em, and dealing with these bugs is no easy feat.

True, the ladybugs are just seeking warmth as the seasons change. They catch wind of the dropping temperatures and figure your cozy home is prime real estate for their winter stay. And let me tell you once they release that distinctive scent, it's like an open invite for every ladybug around to join the party.

Now, a common mix-up is between the ladybugs and the Asian ladybeetles. Both can be a nuisance, but those Asian beetles can give a little sting that feels like a tiny prick, unlike the ladybugs.

These bugs have a short life cycle, about a year or so. When the temperatures dip, that's when they start infiltrating your sanctuary. Sneaky little things, aren't they?

So, what's the off-grid solution when these critters decide to squat in your space? Grab your vacuum or broom and start sweeping them out. But be warned, it's like a never-ending parade. They just keep coming back for more!

SHOOT 'EM UP

A little vinegar spray can be your secret weapon, masking their scent and deterring more from joining in. Place some sticky tape where they're sneaking in, trapping them in their tracks.

GET CREATIVE

You can even rig a ladybug trap using a soda bottle and a bright light to guide them out without causing harm.

We have all had those tiny house conversations that seem pretty exclusive to the modern tiny house movement. We talk about compost toilets, poop, urine diverters, the smell of grey water, and many more unsavory topics. But out in the wild, we have a whole different kind of conversation. You see when the weather turns cold and then there is a slightly warm day, the sides of our houses are ensconced with these tiny wanderers most folks call ladybugs. They might seem totally

TO EXTERMINATE OR NOT

But when things get out of hand, you might need to call in reinforcements – an exterminator – to handle the situation. And to keep these bugs from barging in, seal up any holes and cracks in your sanctuary. Use strong-smelling things like cloves, mums, or bay leaves to keep these critters away.

MUMS THE WORD

You might even want to plant some mums around your place because, guess what, these ladybugs despise 'em! And as a last resort, a little insecticide can help keep them away without causing a mess.

So, out here off-grid, when these ladybugs come knocking, you've got yourself a whole toolkit to show 'em the exit and keep your sanctuary bug-free and cozy for you and yours.



ON THE COVER

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TINY LIVING



A long, long, time ago, a couple of friends dreamt of a unique vision for their lives. After meeting one another at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, they decided they wanted to live life differently. They demanded freedom, adventure, exploration, sunsets, travel, and flexibility. After being introduced to the tiny home movement years ago, it was clear to them: the path to big freedom was to go tiny! And so began the quest to learn more about the tiny home movement.

However, information on how exactly to "go tiny" wasn't so readily available, and answers to questions about design, best types of builds, livability, safety, and legality were vague (or completely undefined). Not only was building a tiny home a challenging endeavor, but understanding regulations, safety, roadworthiness, and zoning was a challenge in and of itself! These friends saw too many stories of expensive tiny homes on wheels that weren't even mobile (too heavy), homes that fell apart (poor design/cheap trailer), or homes that didn't even consider things like snow load (it can absolutely

crush your roof). How frustrating it must be for someone to finally make the decision to "go tiny" and have it all fall apart!

It was then, over margaritas and tacos, that this group of friends decided they would build the best tiny house construction company the world had ever seen. We wanted to build beautiful homes, homes that would rival or eclipse the quality and craftsmanship of your standard 3000 square ft. home. We wanted to build homes robust enough to stand the test of time - something that could be handed down to your kids and their kids. They wanted to build beautiful homes that were roadworthy and that could be towed hundreds of thousands of miles without a hiccup. So that's what Modern Tiny Living did.

Fast forward a few years, and the "guys" are a much bigger team as it stands today. Along with adding several new friends, including tiny house experts, architects, and interior designers to the team, they also added a few wives/husbands, a slew of kids, and

a dozen dogs. As their team and families have expanded, so too has their scale, and this newer, bigger team builds MTL's spectacular tiny homes hand in hand with Amish craftsmen in Northern Ohio. Renowned for their carpentry, MTL knew the path to the best possible tiny homes was to partner and work hand-in-hand with the greatest craftsmen in the world. Thankfully, they are right there in Ohio.



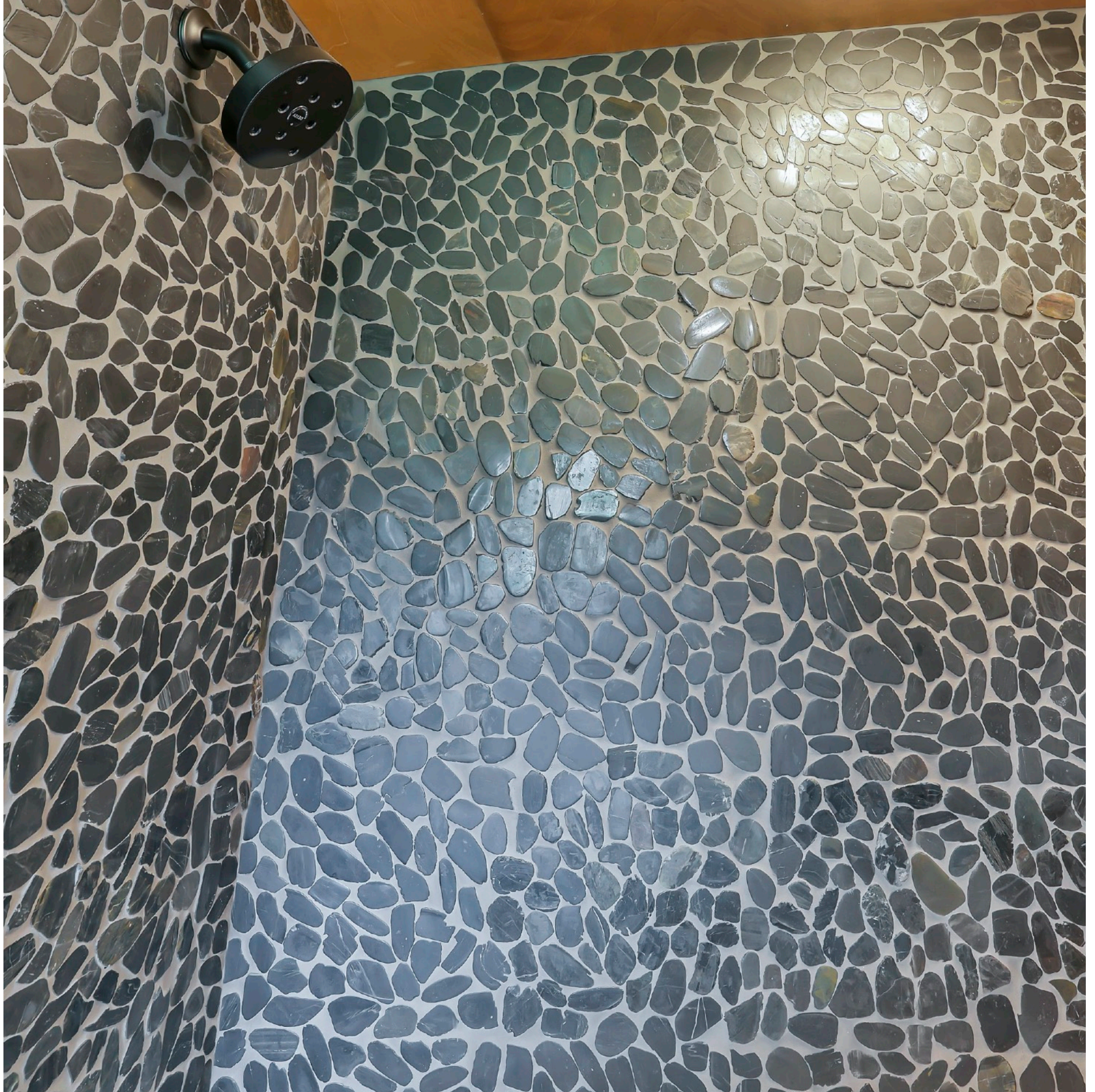


"When we envisioned MTL as a world-class company, we had no clue the work, sacrifice and literal mountains we would have to climb. Through all the challenges, delays and seemingly impossible requests, we never compromised and ultimately always delivered for our clients. For us it always has been and always will be - the best or nothing."



As for the Modern Tiny Living name? The group decided to name their company Modern Tiny Living for two reasons. One, because they aspired to create the most modern, beautiful, safe, livable, and roadworthy tiny homes on the market. And two, because they not only create modern tiny homes, but they also believe tiny homes are a modern way of living.

MTL believes experiences are what drive joy and passion in life, and living tiny gives people the ability to travel, the ability to focus on those they love, and the ability to live life on their own terms.







And now, the Catalina!

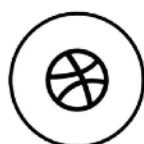
After a year of design and several months of construction, Modern Tiny Living's bold new luxury model is finally here...*and it is glorious.*

Many folks long for a first-floor, private bedroom in their tiny home - and Catalina delivers. Not only that, but a king-sized loft allows for even more sleeping space - whether for the kids or guests. The luxury doesn't stop there though. The Catalina features a true spa-like experience in its luxurious full bath. With custom tiling throughout and a spectacular bathtub and shower, this bath area redefines the amenities that can be enjoyed in a tiny house.

Also included is a Nature's Head composting toilet and washer/dryer combo unit.

In addition, Catalina enjoys a gorgeously finished gourmet kitchen with an oven, cooktop, full-sized refrigerator, custom cabinetry, and much, much more.

The seating area in the kitchen is a dream setup, with huge, panoramic windows (openable, of course) and tons of counter space for eating, working, writing, and dreaming. It is a perfect space to call home and if you want to customize your own Catalina visit [The Catalina Quote Builder](#) online.





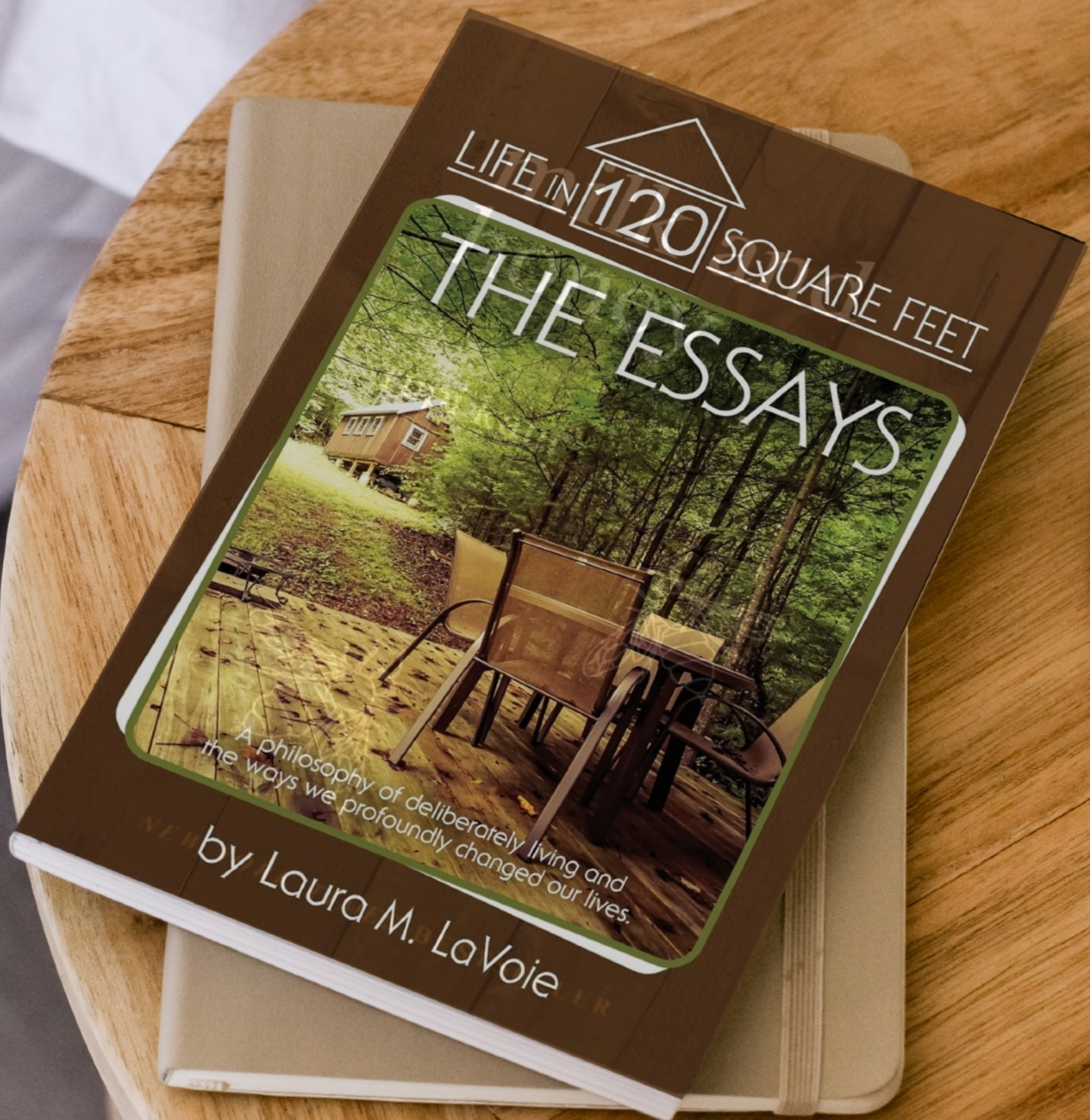
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Small Spaces, Big Living Embracing a Mindset Shift



Written by Laura M. LaVoie

In my book, *Life in 120 Square Feet: The Essays*, I explored the essence of tiny living beyond the mere dimensions of a home. Amidst many How-To guides saturating the market, I focused on the philosophy behind tiny living, the 'Why-To' rather than the 'How-To.' I realized that the crux of tiny living isn't confined to the physical space; it's a state of mind, a unique way of thinking and approaching life. Living in a tiny house instilled in me a downsized mentality that continues to shape my perspective, and for that, I am immensely grateful.

Living Small is a Philosophy

When people learn about our 120-square-foot home, reactions vary from disbelief to curiosity. Some question our ability to coexist in such a small space, while others express interest in the practical aspects like our kitchen and bathroom. I've learned that the size of your dwelling doesn't dictate tiny living; it's defined by how you inhabit it. Whether it's a sub-200-square-foot home or another compact living arrangement, the philosophy of tiny living remains the same—it transforms lives, offering the freedom to pursue dreams or travel, challenging conventional notions of busyness and consumption.

Rejecting Busyness

At the core of my tiny house philosophy lies the rejection of constant busyness. I firmly believe that being incessantly occupied doesn't equate to happiness. I've transitioned from a nine-to-five desk job to freelance writing, embracing a lifestyle where time isn't measured by tasks but by meaningful experiences. Rejecting busyness isn't about idleness but embracing intentional living, where every choice aligns with personal happiness and fulfillment.



Downsizing Meditation

Moving from a spacious 2700-square-foot home to a compact 120-square-foot space involved meticulous downsizing, a process akin to meditation. We evaluated our needs and desires, realizing that tiny living isn't about sacrificing what we love but creating more room to cherish these possessions. Contrary to popular belief, downsizing doesn't mean relinquishing cherished items; it means prioritizing and appreciating what truly matters.

Make More Milestones

The significance of milestones in shaping our perception of time became evident during my time in Atlanta. The monotony of daily routine made time slip away unnoticed. This realization led us to construct our tiny house, marking a significant milestone in our lives that injected purpose and anticipation into each day. I discovered the 'Milestone Effect,' emphasizing the importance of creating moments that enrich our lives and slow down the passage of time.

Deliberate Living

Deliberate living became my guiding principle—a conscious choice to actively shape my life. I recognized that change could only come from within, prompting me to build a tiny home and embark on a career in freelance writing. Deliberate living isn't about conforming to a specific lifestyle; it's about pursuing personal dreams and aspirations with purpose and determination. If you feel stuck, remember that taking proactive steps toward your goals can reignite your journey toward deliberate living.

Gratitude

As I celebrate Thanksgiving, I am profoundly grateful for the vast life I've discovered within the confines of my small space. It's a testament to the transformative power of embracing a downsized mindset. This philosophy has enabled me to live deliberately, cherish meaningful experiences, and savor the essence of a big life in a small, intentional space.





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Maybe You Don't Need a Different House

It's easy to get wrapped up in the allure of all these home transformation shows we see on TV.

A family, somewhat dissatisfied with their current space, entrusts a designer to work some magic or they recruit an agent to find their perfect home.

There's always a predictable mix of suspense, anticipation, and inevitably a twist or hurdle that needs to be overcome. Finally, when the dust settles, we witness the big reveal—a home that looks perfect for the pages of a magazine.

But if you've noticed, behind the glitz of newness, there's almost always an unchanged undercurrent: the very same volume of possessions. Sometimes, there are even more possessions. Just repackaged, reorganized, and often, more costly.

I often wonder what the room (or home) looks like just a few months later when the cameras and staged lighting are

You Just Need Less Stuff

becoming minimalist



removed and the home gets lived in full-time. Probably a lot different from that initial reveal.

Behind the new carpet, renovated walls, and fresh paint lies an age-old question: Does the new decor genuinely make their lives better? Or did it just add a fresh cover over the same problems?

Does the new home actually resonate with the owners' values and dreams, or is it just a new setup that ends up demanding even more maintenance and effort?

Now, I understand that most of us are never going to appear on one of these grand renovation shows. (Although I was once asked to host one for a major streaming platform.)

And almost none of us will be followed around by television cameras the next time we look to buy a home.

However, many people do resonate with the feelings of unease and discontentment within their own four walls. We wish the home was larger, the cabinets were painted a different color, the appliances were newer, or the furnishings were nicer.

When that is the case, feeling trapped, it is easy to think the answer is to acquire more or to upgrade. Maybe that is why these home improvement shows are so popular—we think that's the answer to solving the discontent we feel about our home.

But what if the answer isn't moving, bringing in a team of designers, or being swept away for a week only to return to an extreme home makeover?

What if the homes we've created, unintentionally, are just reflective of the messages advertisers and marketers bombard us with, rather than mirroring our genuine desires? Maybe our homes have inadvertently turned into storage units for every product that's been marketed as 'essential' to us.

This is where I propose a novel idea: What if the makeover you truly need is entirely within your reach already?

Not the kind that requires you to remove walls or buy new bedroom furniture, but the kind where you deliberately decide to own less. By doing so, you're not just tidying and changing a space; you're reshaping your life and aligning your surroundings with what genuinely matters to you.

And here's the beautiful thing about this minimalist approach:

There is no interior designer required.

No need for renovation teams or real estate agents.



The budget requirement is only \$0.

And the time you spend is an investment that promises focus, contentment, and purpose.

Let's challenge the mainstream narrative that's marketed to us every day.

Instead of seeking happiness in a new space, find it by redefining your current one.

The simple act of owning less can breathe fresh vitality into your home. And as you clear out the clutter, you might just find that the home you've been searching for has been right under your nose the whole time.

When your home is filled with only the things you use and love, you'll discover a home you love to use.



Joshua Becker and his young family were introduced to minimalism during a short conversation with their neighbor. Since then, Joshua's story and writing have inspired millions around the world to find more life by owning fewer possessions. Today, based on his thoughtful and intentional approach to minimalism, he is one of the leading voices in the modern simplicity movement reaching over 1 million readers every month.

*Joshua Becker is the WSJ Best-Selling author of **The More of Less** and **The Minimalist Home**. His new book, **Things That Matter**, is available on Amazon.*

JUST RIGHT



By Christina Nellemann



For years molded fiberglass truck campers have been out of the financial reach of most camper enthusiasts. Most of these types of campers cost upwards of \$50,000 to \$80,000 for the popular Bigfoot and Northern Lite truck campers.

Now, thanks to a small company based in the heart of camper-land (Akron, Ohio), a molded fiberglass camper is available for under \$37,000. The Koda by **Grumpy Bear Campers** is a hard-sided camper made for short-bed trucks.

This is comparable to most truck campers of this size on the market, yet you get the benefits of fiberglass. These benefits include a lightweight design (1,650 lb.), no seams that let in water, and a clean contemporary finish.



“With our lightweight shell, high-quality cabinetry and straight-forward design the Koda is the perfect truck camper to load up and head out to where your heart desires.”





Grumpy Bear Campers was founded by William Zantopulos and Andrew Rohr. Andrew has over 20 years of experience in the composite industry and fiberglass truck cap manufacturers. This is where the idea for the Koda came from.

The base of the Koda is built from a [Spacekap by Fibrobec](#) in Quebec. This is a fiberglass body that can be used in various capacities for the service industry. They can be outfitted with shelving, tool storage, ladder racks, and sliding trays.

The Koda uses the frame of the SpaceKap to hold an impressive interior for comfortable camping.

The Spacekap is a three-piece fiberglass construction that is chemically bonded at the seams with a white gel coat finish. The walls are OSB laminated with Azdel and one-inch

foam insulation. The interior walls hold the vertical-grade laminate plywood cabinets and composite countertops.

The camper features a spacious living area with a dinette that converts into a single bed and a kitchen with sink, stove, and 2.8 cubic foot Dometic fridge. The countertops are made with Thinscape and the windows are dual pane and come with vinyl blackout curtains.

The Koda goes a step further in that unlike other smaller truck campers, it has a north-south bed. Perfect for traveling couples who don't like to crawl over each other to get out of bed. Over the bed are three small windows for stargazing.

There is no bathroom, but the Koda does have a removable Porta Potti. The back door opens up to reveal an outdoor shower system.





Standard features include a five-gallon freshwater tank, an eight-gallon gray water tank, an Excel on-demand water heater, and a SeeLevel II tank monitor. A Suburban 16,000 BTU furnace warms the camper up and a 10-speed roof vent can be used for venting. Other quality features include HappiJac 2000 lb. jack stands and a 100mAh battery by Battle Born.

Optional features include an 8,000 BTU A/C unit, two 100-watt solar panels, a 3,000-watt inverter, and custom laminate and cushion colors.

New orders are now available and periodically Grumpy Bear has pre-owned units for sale.

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