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Dear Santa

What would author Laura LaVoie ask for her when it comes to building her tiny house if she could do it all over again?

My Life Decluttered

We have all discovered a method to declutter. Is it the best way though? Author Danelle Campos shares her story of how.

The Argument

How many of us have had a little tiff or a big argument when it comes to one spouse wanting to go tiny?

Merry Christmas Baysden Pond

First some tents, then some campers, and how about an A-frame glam cabin? Find out what's coming next to Baysden Pond.



AS THE HOLIDAY SEASON COMES UPON US, LET'S UNWRAP SOME EXCITING ARTICLES IN THIS EDITION OF TINY HOUSE MAGAZINE.

This issue completes 11 years of publishing monthly Tiny House Magazine. We wanted to make this a special issue. So enjoy!



Laura LaVoie shares her dreams and wishes for her tiny house if she could start over. Join her in exploring the perfect wishlist for a tiny house.

Danelle Campos reveals her journey of decluttering. Discover different methods and learn if there's a best way to simplify your life by tidying up.

Ever argued about downsizing to a tiny house with your partner? Find out how to navigate this common disagreement and make your tiny dreams align.

From tents to campers, and now an A-frame glam cabin? Get ready to unwrap the exciting developments coming up at Baysden Pond. It's a festive surprise you don't want to miss!

These articles and many more are like tiny gifts packed with insights, stories, and dreams for your tiny house journey. Embrace the joy of the season and dive into the magical world of tiny living with us!

Wishing you a cozy and Merry Christmas,

Kent

Kent Griswold, Editor in Chief



Dear Santa,

Santa, I have some thoughts about gifts this year. I don't need a lot for the holiday, but sometimes I think about what could have been. And while I don't regret how and why we built our tiny house the way we did things, there are some things I might do differently if I did it all over again. Here are my ideas for the hypothetical Life in 120 Square Feet 2.0.

With love,

Laura



A Little Background

First, I want to share what we did and why. When we started building our tiny home in 2009, we wanted to do all the work ourselves. And, since we had never built a house before, keeping it small and straightforward felt like the way to go. So many of the home's features were chosen with that in mind.

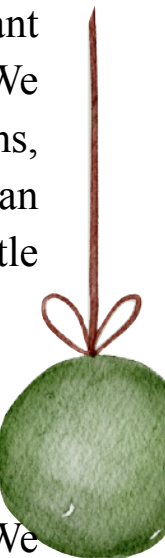
Since we worked on it for three years, learning each part as we went, we got good at something right when we were ready to move to the next building stage. I don't think we would have done it any differently, however, here are some things we would have liked.

Expanded Loft Space

Since keeping things simple was the name of the game, we decided to do a very straightforward peaked roof. You know, the typical square-with-a-triangle-roof-shaped house. We didn't want any holes or additional joints in the ceiling. We tried to minimize potential water problems, which I think served us in the end. But given an opportunity to do it again, a loft with a little more space would have been lovely.

On-Grid

We chose to make our home off-grid. We installed scaled-back systems that worked well when we lived there.





Our small solar power system efficiently ran our lights and computers in 2012. But that did mean certain things couldn't be included in the house. We made a weekly trek to the since-closed bar-slash-laundromat and did most of our cooking and washing outside. While this

was exciting for that first year, our long-term goal didn't need to be austere survival.

Closer to Community

The other thing that did impact our next living situation was a lack of access to the community. We moved to this area to be more connected, not less. We realized we wanted to live in the city, not thirty minutes from it. I am grateful that we are friends with our neighbors at the tiny house even now, but we have more access to entertainment and community living in Asheville proper.

Professional Builders

When we started working on the tiny house, I was 34 years old. When we finished and lived in it, I was 37. Building the house was a fun experience, and I am glad we did it, but if I had to do it all again starting at 48, I would hire someone to do all the work. It certainly wouldn't take three years to build as we only worked on it over weekends, vacations, and holidays while working full-time. I'm glad we had the experience, but I only needed to do that once.

The Best Gift

As I write this, I have realized something significant. The tiny house was always about the

adventure for us. And it did help us find a place to live that checked all our boxes. The home we bought in Asheville a year after moving into the tiny house is my forever home, and I intend to stay here for as long as possible.

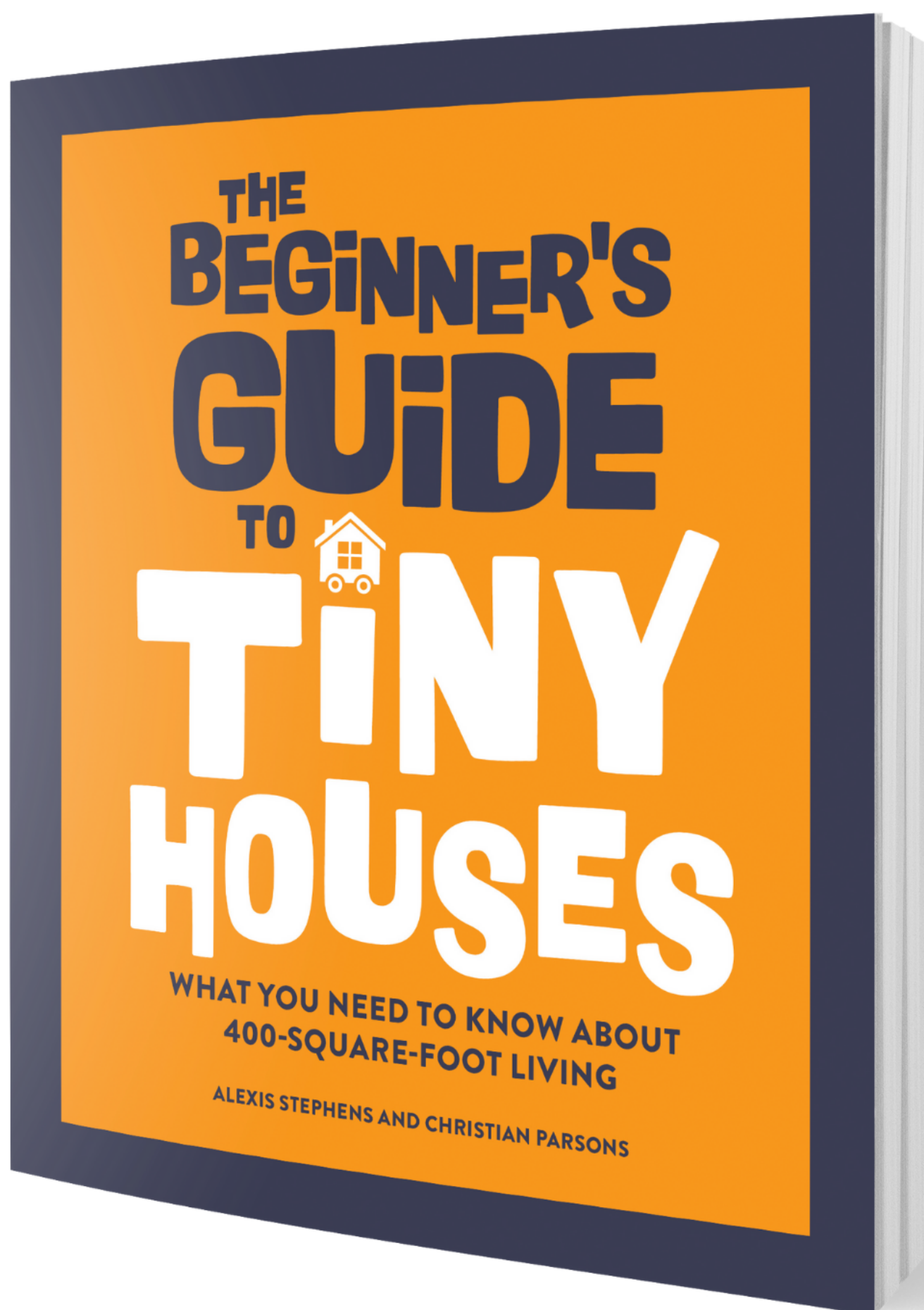
At only 700 square feet, it's still tiny and efficient, which was essential to us. It has an attic space that we converted into our bedroom with a king-sized bed. It was built in 1948 using dimensional lumber and the bones are strong. We recently got a new heat pump furnace so our house runs entirely on electricity. One day we'll add solar panels to the roof to make it even more efficient. We are very close to our neighbors on both sides, regularly watching football together and hosting a collaborative Thanksgiving dinner yearly.

So, thanks, Santa. You've given me the exact small house experience I always wanted, and I am grateful that our journey led us to it, which wouldn't have happened without the tiny house.



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—Ethan Waldman, host of the Tiny House Lifestyle Podcast





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AT HAVEN RIDGE

In recent years, the tiny house movement has captured the imagination of many seeking a simpler, more sustainable lifestyle. As someone who values environmental consciousness, efficient living, and supporting local businesses, I found myself drawn to the idea of building a tiny house because of my desire to live a more mindful way of life. It was for that reason that I reached out to Perch & Nest to build my tiny house on wheels and help bring my Scandanavian-meets-modern home to life!

I had seen the work of Tom and Johanna Elsner of Perch & Nest without ever realizing they were just down the road in Winston-Salem, NC. It was kismet though when I arranged to visit and meet with Johanna regarding the home I would eventually have built. At just over 300 sq. ft. the Roost36 took just 12 weeks to build and unlike previous Roosts, was built without a deck or screen in a room so I could live in and utilize every square inch of space.



Written By Mollie Bradford with Andrew Odom

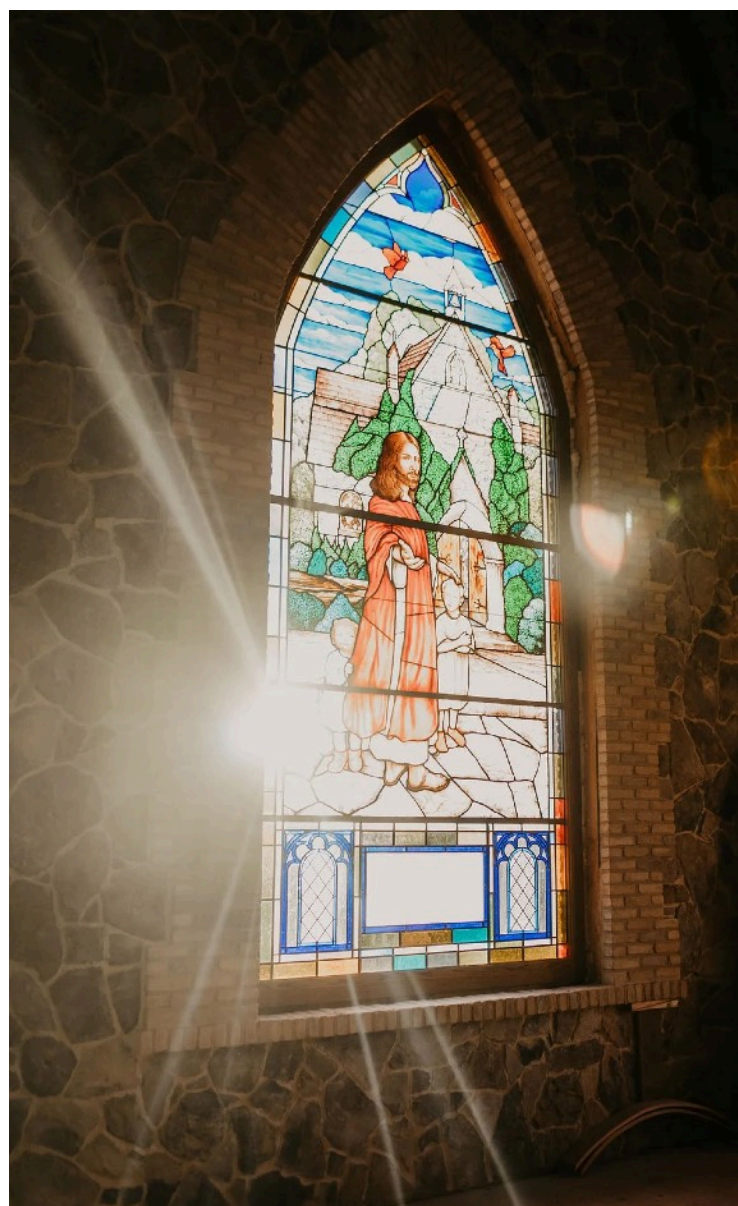




The Little Chapel and surrounding land specializes in elopements and intimate celebrations, with a timeless, fairytale feel. Purpose-built by local artisans using 500-year-old English brick, and featuring stunning details like exposed oak ceiling trusses, breathtaking custom stained glass windows, and two sweet covered porches hung with rustic chandeliers, the chapel was a dream of my fathers and as a family, we brought it to life on the very same meadows I now get to call home. I wanted my tiny house to fit in with the English and Scottish-inspired chapel and surrounding meadows and Tom and Johanna delivered expertly.

As the Venue Coordinator, I felt it was more important than ever to live onsite. Through the years I have lived and worked in New York, Winston-Salem, and other areas removed from my family and our land. But I wanted to make our guests - brides, grooms, fiancées, and the like - have a truly exceptional experience and I wanted to be hands-on.

The Little Chapel isn't just a job—it's a lifestyle and now with my tiny house I can completely immerse myself in what I love!



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WHERE IT ALL STARTED

Building my tiny house is a dream that traces back to my childhood when the seeds of tiny living were sown. I can vividly recall being a wide-eyed child, passionately begging my parents to let me live in my backyard playhouse with my beloved golden retriever, Jack. The idea of living simply in a small, cozy space captivated me even then. I now get to live with my five-year-old golden retriever in a space where everything I long for is at my fingertips. The journey from that childhood plea to the realization of my tiny house dream has been a remarkable one, filled with a deep sense of fulfillment and gratitude for embracing the simplicity and joy of minimalist living.

SUSTAINABILITY AND REDUCING CARBON FOOTPRINT

With growing environmental concerns and the urgent need to reduce our carbon footprint, building a tiny house presented an opportunity for me to lead a more sustainable lifestyle. Tiny houses are inherently eco-friendly due to their reduced size, requiring fewer resources during construction and less energy to operate. The widespread deforestation occurring in our cities is a familiar sight, as new neighborhood after neighborhood and apartment complex after apartment complex continue to encroach upon natural landscapes and drive out the wildlife that resides in these places.



Embracing a minimalist lifestyle also encouraged me to be mindful of my consumption habits and significantly reduce waste, further lessening my impact on the planet. Once a New York City-living fashion girl, life on my family's farm is a true blessing that seamlessly merges my love for style and design with a deep connection to nature. Returning to my roots and embracing the serenity of rural living has been a transformative experience. Amidst the vast landscapes and the comforting rhythm of life on the pasture, I've discovered a profound sense of peace and fulfillment. As our family team has grown from just my father and me to include my sister and brother, each bringing their unique talents to the table, the farm has become an even more vibrant and dynamic place. Building my tiny house on this cherished land has deepened my connection to both my family and nature.

LESS SPACE FOR MORE LIFE

In today's fast-paced world, we often find ourselves trapped in a cycle of acquiring more possessions and living in cluttered spaces. While I love to shop, building a tiny house allowed me to break free from this pattern and focus on the experiences that truly matter to me. By downsizing and living with only what I genuinely need and cherish, I have more time and energy to devote to my passions, hobbies, and relationships. The simplicity of tiny house living has given me the chance to fully embrace life, free from the burden of excess possessions.

SIMPLIFYING RESPONSIBILITIES & FOCUS

As life becomes increasingly busy, we often find ourselves overwhelmed with responsibilities and commitments. Building a tiny house has allowed me to rethink what makes me happy by paring down my life to the essentials, simplifying my daily routine, and freeing up mental space to focus on what truly matters to me personally. With fewer household chores and maintenance tasks, I have more time to engage in activities that bring me joy, whether it's pursuing a hobby, spending time in nature, or connecting with loved ones. Embracing a minimalist lifestyle has been transformative, helping me prioritize my well-being and happiness.



My decision to build a tiny house was fueled by a desire for sustainability, a simpler and more meaningful life, a commitment to support local businesses, and an embrace of my inner child. From reducing my carbon footprint to achieving financial freedom and creative expression, each aspect of tiny house living has enriched my life in profound ways. As the tiny house movement continues to grow, I hope that more individuals will explore

this alternative path of living if it's the right fit for them and discover the profound benefits of embracing simplicity. I'm excited to see how living in a tiny impacts my life and others over the next year and what adventures await!



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By John Stuckey

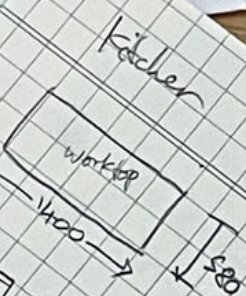
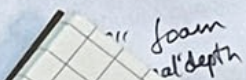
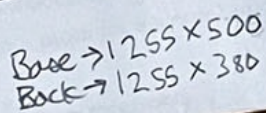
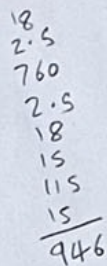


I always knew I wanted to run my own business. Over the years I turned all sorts of different hobbies into side hustles. But when you have an unreasonable number of interests you want to spend time doing, none of them are given the time and space to develop into a fully-fledged business.

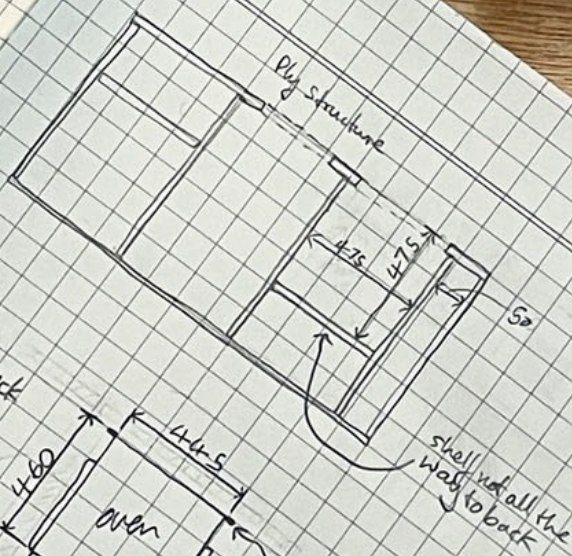
I spent a good few months thinking about what I could do that would incorporate all of my interests and passions - which of my long list of wild business ideas would be fulfilling and pay the bills.

It was then that it came to me. What work could be both physical and at a desk, both creative and practical? What could be a business that I could be proud of and put all of my effort and dedication into? What could combine elements of all my passions including photography, filmmaking, motorcycle building, fabrication, woodwork, DIY, web design, graphic design, the outdoors, workshops, tools, electrics, adventure... (I know, right).

And then it hit me. Campervan conversions. Ok great, let's go.



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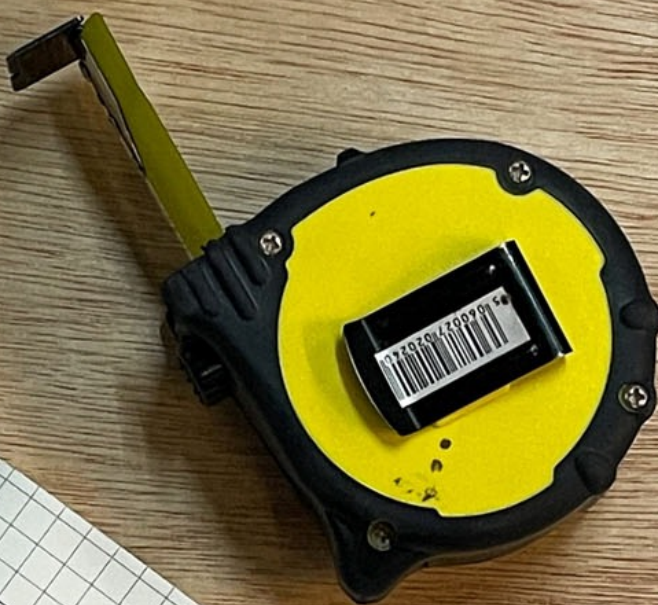
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Fast forward a bit of business development to the big idea: I wanted the campervans to look incredible, that was my number 1 priority. They had to be functional, safe, and reliable - that goes without saying. But my focus beyond that was for each van conversion to look like a completely individual tiny home with a beautifully designed interior style. If I could do that, I'd be happy.

Building campervans and tiny homes is hard. It's super fun and massively rewarding, but it is hard! Not only have you got to include pretty much everything that you find in a regular studio apartment, but you have to do it all in a ridiculously small space and make it look good and be highly functional. Easy, right?!

Fast forward some more to my first van build. I got a loan, bought a second-hand builder's van, and set about starting converting it. I made a load of mistakes, poured more than a little blood and sweat into it (and a few solitary tears), got nearly through finishing it, and then landed my first commission.

The first commission went well and it's still a van I'm super proud of. A ridiculous amount of hours was spent building it and I learnt a lot during this time. A few more vans later and I was honing the workflow pretty well - to the point that I went back to my first van and ripped it all apart back to an empty shell and re-built it from scratch.





This then became my absolute favorite conversion and I sold it to a family who is super proud to take it out on adventures - it's great to see it being used to its full potential.

Although we do big conversions, we also do part-builds and smaller jobs on people's vans, especially helping those who are self-converting their own.

Our workshop is small and we haven't got a big team, so we can only do a few of these in addition to our one-in-one-out full builds. I firmly believe that vanlife can be for all, and to push it even further than that: everyone can

self-convert their van, as long as they have the right help and support.

I would love to be able to help out every self-builder out there. Even though we speak to literally thousands and give as much free advice as we can, I knew that we would never be able to physically help them all.

And that's where the glorious digital age comes in.

What if we took all of our knowledge, everything we have learned from our van builds and custom work? What if we noted our



findings from making mistakes and doing countless experiments over the years. What if I used all my eclectic experience, everything from building vintage Harley Davidsons to putting up log cabins and designing interiors?

xxxxIf I took all of this and put it into a format that could be used by someone who was earlier on in the process of converting their van; someone who might have the ability but didn't know where to start or what to do. Someone who needed some instruction, a little push in the right direction, and some good help and support along the way.

That's exactly what I've spent the last year and a half putting together. Trying to formalise the wild journey of converting a van from scratch into an incredible tiny home, and putting it all

into a structure that can be used by pretty much anyone!

The format is an online course with around 70 instructional videos that take you through how to build a campervan from start to finish. But, (and this is a biggie), the secret sauce is the help and support that we give along the way.

We host weekly video calls to the course members where they get answers to whatever problem they've been facing on their build that week. In between the calls, there is an active community group of course members to share and learn from each other.











Anyone can watch videos and get most of the way there, but building any sort of tiny home is so varied and dynamic that you'll have a hundred questions in your first week, and then as soon as those are answered you'll have a hundred more.

Building campervans and tiny homes is one of those things where the more you learn, the more there seems to be to learn. It is a conundrum! But I guess that's what fuels the obsession.

It's a few years into the business now and it still feels completely fresh. I don't think we'll be satisfied until we've helped out every single

person who wants a custom campervan - one way or another.

I'm nowhere near finished yet, we're only just getting going.

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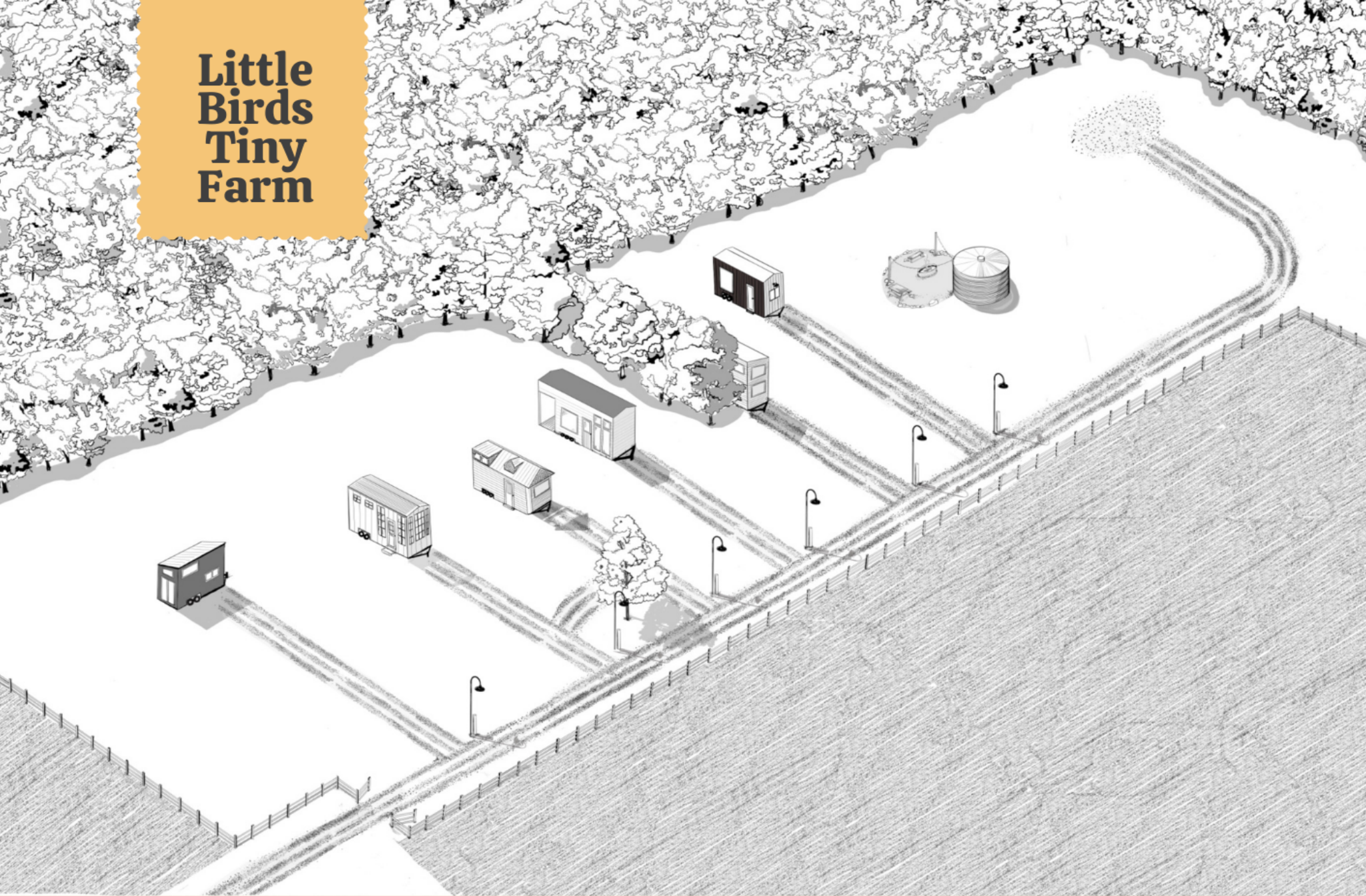
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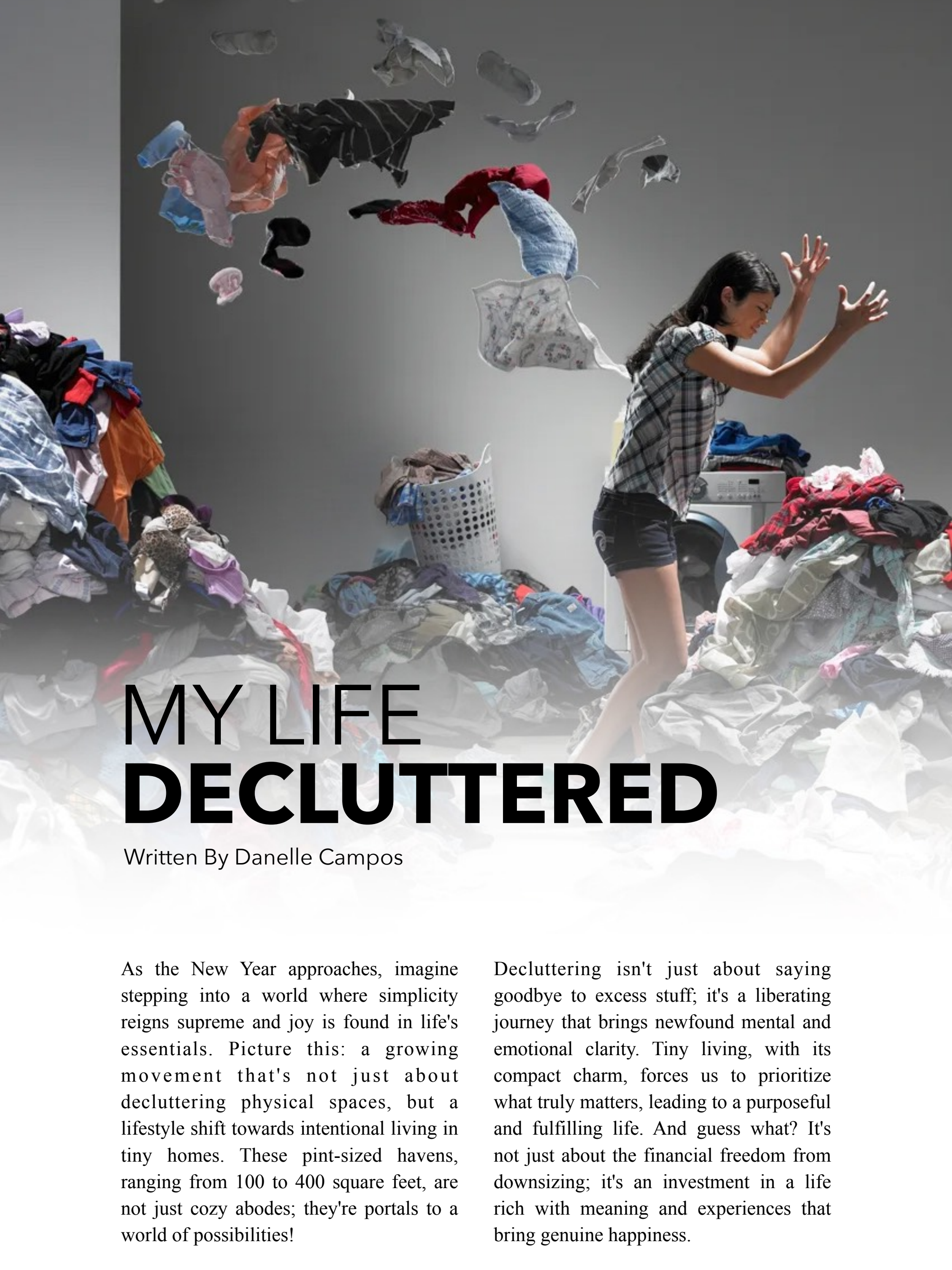
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MY LIFE DECLUTTERED

Written By Danelle Campos

As the New Year approaches, imagine stepping into a world where simplicity reigns supreme and joy is found in life's essentials. Picture this: a growing movement that's not just about decluttering physical spaces, but a lifestyle shift towards intentional living in tiny homes. These pint-sized havens, ranging from 100 to 400 square feet, are not just cozy abodes; they're portals to a world of possibilities!

Decluttering isn't just about saying goodbye to excess stuff; it's a liberating journey that brings newfound mental and emotional clarity. Tiny living, with its compact charm, forces us to prioritize what truly matters, leading to a purposeful and fulfilling life. And guess what? It's not just about the financial freedom from downsizing; it's an investment in a life rich with meaning and experiences that bring genuine happiness.

But that's not all! Tiny living is an environmental superhero, requiring fewer resources and embracing sustainability. Picture solar panels, rainwater harvesting, and innovative designs minimizing the ecological footprint. It's not just a home; it's a mindful lifestyle choice.

Living large in a tiny home encourages a shift towards mindful consumption. Picture this: with less storage, every purchase becomes a thoughtful choice, emphasizing quality over quantity. It's a journey that sparks a deeper connection with belongings and a greater appreciation for what truly enhances our lives.

And the rewards? Profound! Decluttering isn't just a physical act; it's an emotional catharsis. Picture shedding emotional baggage, clearing mental space for creativity, mindfulness, and a deeper understanding of yourself.

Tiny homes aren't just snug spaces; they're cozy hubs promoting intimacy and closeness. Shared challenges in close quarters foster stronger bonds. Forget getting lost in separate rooms; think of communal spaces that create a sense of togetherness.

The shift to tiny living isn't just about downsizing; it's a reevaluation of priorities. Picture a haven of tranquility in a world full of distractions. With fewer physical and mental distractions, imagine having more time and bandwidth to focus on what truly matters. It's not just a home; it's a lifestyle promoting meaningful pursuits.

But the magic doesn't stop there! Tiny living sparks a broader cultural shift

Choices For Each Object When Decluttering Your Home



1. Keep In Room

2. Put Away In Another Room



3. Donate Or Give Away



4. Sell



5. Trash



6. Recycle Or Repurpose

Home Storage Solutions 101

towards mindful living. It challenges societal norms, replacing the pursuit of more with contentment from a life well-lived. It's a cultural revolution encouraging individuals to define their own metrics of fulfillment.

And the design? It's not just about making do with less; it's about celebrating the beauty of simplicity. Picture thoughtful layouts, ingenious storage solutions, and a focus on maximizing natural light. In a world of excess, find elegance in the essentials.

Tiny homes are not a fringe movement; they're a universal dream. From young professionals seeking financial freedom to empty nesters downsizing, tiny living transcends age, income, and background. It's not about sacrificing comfort; it's about redefining it. Think multifunctional furniture, foldable designs, and innovative storage, turning small spaces into sanctuaries.

But it's not just about physical spaces; it's a canvas for personal expression. Imagine curating your surroundings intentionally, creating a space that reflects your unique personality. It's a departure from mass-produced designs, offering an authentic and personalized living experience.

In this journey towards simplicity, imagine reconnecting with nature. Tiny

homes in picturesque landscapes blur the lines between indoor and outdoor living. Sustainability isn't just a buzzword; it's a lifestyle choice. Picture composting, gardening, and reliance on renewable energy sources, fostering a deeper connection with the natural world.

As we gear up for 2024, consider the transformative power of decluttering and embracing tiny living. It's not just about downsizing; it's a profound shift in mindset, a journey toward self-discovery, meaningful connections, and a reevaluation of societal norms. As the tiny living movement gains momentum, it's a reminder that in the pursuit of happiness, less truly can be more. Embrace the simplicity, redefine what matters, and let the joy of tiny living be your guide in the coming year!



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Meet Gene and Stephanie Lesley. They have lived on their beautiful property in Georgia for over 25 years. Throughout the years they have hosted several parties, showers, and even weddings there in Chickamauga. Their daughters have grown up there along with all of their friends. The Lesley girls are grown and even have children of their own now so Gene and Stephanie are empty nesters. They have wanted to share their unique property with others for a while but weren't quite sure exactly how to do so. The couple played with the idea of a short-term vacation rental and ultimately decided that was something they thought they could do without being too invasive of their use of the land. Gene and Stephanie looked at a couple of different "tiny house" ideas but just weren't sold on any of them. They knew when they saw the perfect idea they would know. Fast forward a few years and a friend of ours kept



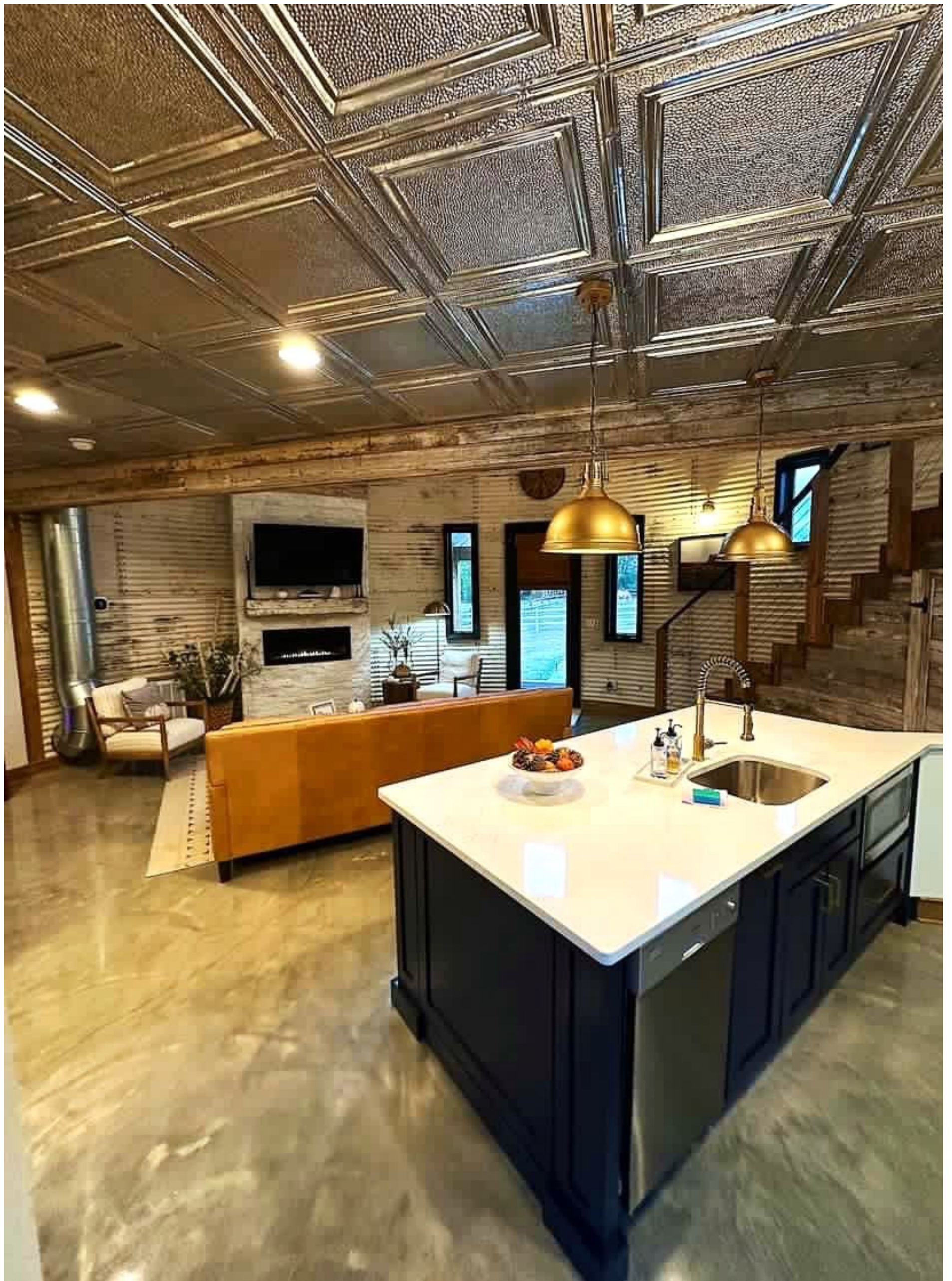


As they walked out the door she remembered Gene saying “This is it, this is what I want”. That was the end of June 2021. By August of 2021, they had hired Vance to begin what would become “The Silo at Gene Acres”.

kept sharing on social media his grain bin silo that he had turned into his permanent home. The couple was truly fascinated with the uniqueness of it and even the process of how it was built. They went and toured Vance Jones’ home and agreed that it was amazing. “He is a true artist. He can take the junk off the side of the road and turn it into something unique and spectacular,” said Stephanie. As they walked out the door she remembered Gene saying “This is it, this is what I want”. That was the end of June 2021. By August of 2021, they had hired Vance to begin what would become “The Silo at Gene Acres”.

The 27-foot diameter silo is roughly 858 square feet and has many stunning features including a ventless fireplace with remote for operation during cold winter months only, radiant heated floors downstairs, a custom queen Murphy bed on the main floor in the living room area adjacent to a half bath, and even more outside!







Hearing the couple tell the story of its construction is most impressive. The footers were poured in a perfect circle and looked like something out of a Sci-Fi movie. Gravel was placed in the center of what would eventually become the floors. Vance has a very unique way of erecting his grain bins.

We [the Lesleys] purchased two-grain bins that came from a farm in Illinois. The footers were poured, with a partial block foundation due to the slight slope of the site but that is really when the process began. Vance and his team construct the roof panels first and then add the top rings to the roof. From there they add one section at a time, using jacks on at least 3 sides to raise each section before adding the next. Unlike a traditional home, the grain bin is built from the top down. All of the electrical and plumbing were done next. The Lesleys had their silo gravel spray foamed and then added the tubing for radiant heated floors before the concrete floors were poured. Vance then constructed the second roof inside the grain bin. Once that was put together a crane was brought in to hoist the crown of the second roof until it was in place and braced off. According to Stephanie, that was probably the coolest part of the entire project. (*And possibly the scariest, she notes*).

Framing was the next step.

From there the walls and the attic were sprayed with closed-cell spray foam and panels were added to the walls from the second grain bin. No original floor plans were used as Vance started building based on his home plans. His grain bin was 30 feet and the Lesley bin is a 27-foot so not everything could be the same. We wanted it to feel very open and not closed in so we played with the floor plan until we came up with one that we could all agree on. We moved the kitchen so that it would start under the stairs to maximize the overall floor space. Gene wanted the silo to feel rustic and use repurposed materials. Stephanie wanted something different

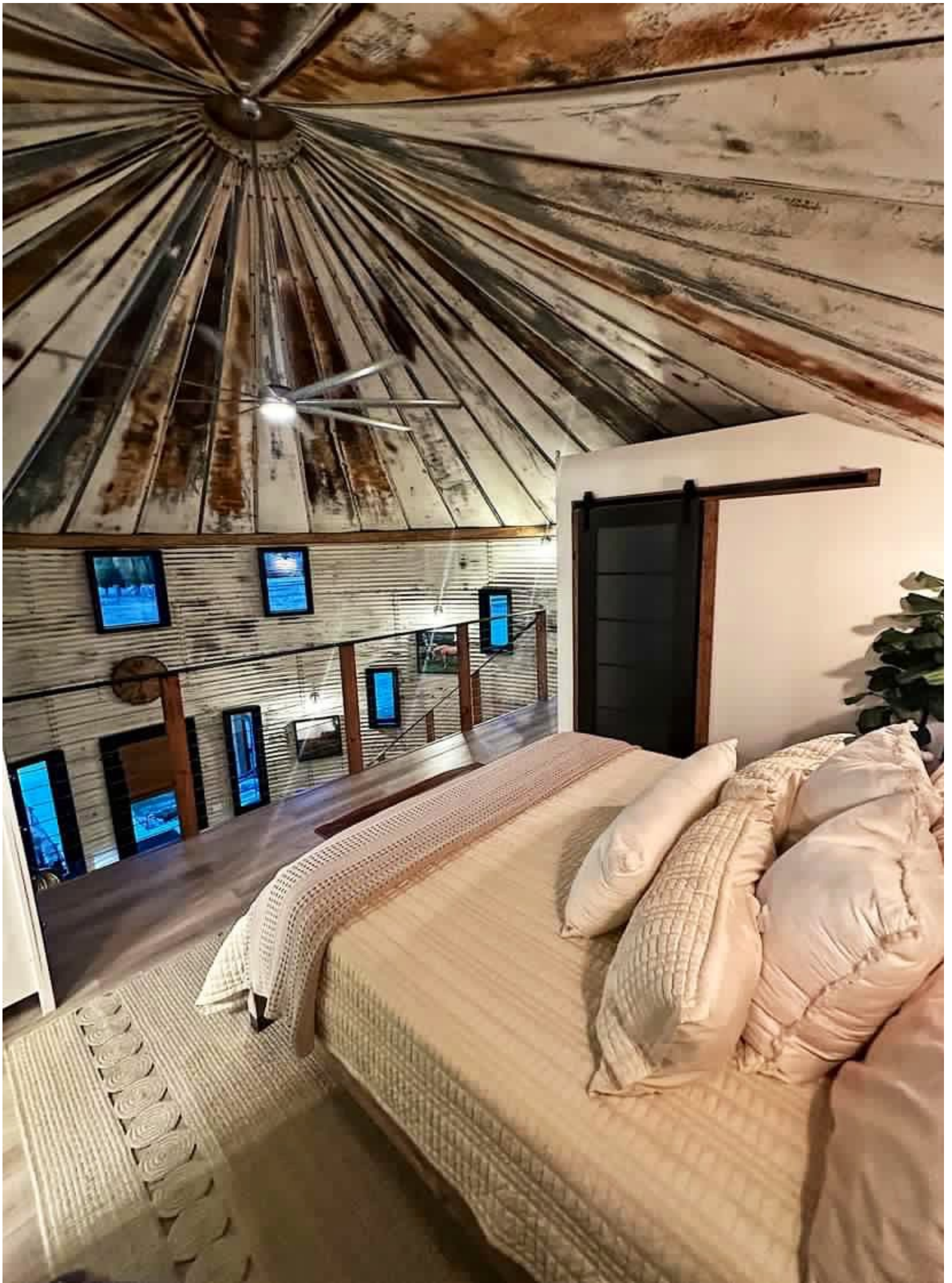
though, Gene remembers. I wanted something that wasn't easily put into words. I liked the rustic look of the white-washed metal panels but I also wanted some modern/industrial elements in there. I couldn't figure out how to put into words the style that I was thinking as it was my style and I didn't think it had a name. I spoke with a girlfriend venting my frustrations of not being able to accurately convey my vision to Gene or the construction team. She simplified it for me by saying, "Tell them you need it to also appeal to women". For whatever reason they understood from there. I don't think they exactly trusted my vision but they were going to indulge me.

I wanted a modern kitchen with custom cabinets and quartz countertops and I wanted it in the prettiest dark blue I had seen. Nobody thought that looked quite went with the metal walls and patina on the ceiling but again they indulged me. We went with the industrial rebar and cable handrail just as Vance had done in his home. It was way too cool to not implement in ours!

The stairs in the home are massive and we could have probably parked a car on them if necessary. They were built by Vance's very talented parents. They would build one or two treads a day and then bring them over as they finished them. We had hoped to build some bunk beds in the silo but we didn't end up having room for that so we opted for a custom Murphy bed. As it had been with some inclusions, the Murphy bed was built by an amazing cabinet maker who made the cabinets fit on a curved wall.









Though the stove may be tiny it has 4 burners and holds a full-size cookie sheet. We tried 3 refrigerators until we found one we thought would work and not look too small or too short. The kitchen is fully stocked with all of the essentials to cook a full holiday meal. People seem to be quite surprised at everything we have provided.

We opted to have a huge island to eat at with barstools so we wouldn't have to chop the kitchen up. Downstairs we have a large half bath, a queen-sized Murphy bed, a large Italian leather sofa, two reading chairs, and one of the tallest fireplaces I have seen with a natural gas insert. Due to the height of the ceilings in the silo we decided to make the fireplace taller. We went with a quartz stone for the fireplace and then Vance made us a custom hood for the top. It is made with the reclaimed wood found throughout the Silo. In the upstairs loft, there is a king-size bed with a walk-in closet that houses a full washer and dryer and a full

I like to say we have every metal, texture, wood, and fabric that there is to have. We used a little bit of every style from the rustic to modern and even industrial. From a designer's perspective, it might be a total hodgepodge but it seems to work for the Silo.

Our main goal was to make sure the finished product was comfortable. We wanted it to feel like home. We used linens and furnishings that we would use in our own home to make sure it was both warm and welcoming. We have provided all the comforts of home in our 858-square-foot silo.

"I have to admit," adds Stephanie, "that the kitchen was a challenge making everything fit into a small space without making it seem small. We ended up having to go with a 21" stove to make the cabinets work and thought we wouldn't have room for a dishwasher. We were able to get a small dishwasher used in RV's.





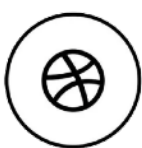
bath with a 5-foot shower. One of the best places to watch the sunset over the mountains is from the loft. The second best place is from the twin-size daybed swing on the front porch.

The Lesleys weren't sure what they were getting themselves into with a short-term vacation rental. They questioned each other multiple times. Even though the build was a long 8 months they remained thrilled with the results. The best part of the process they sat is all of the new friends they have made along the way and continue to make. "We have had guests that invite us out because they want to hear about the building process. We ended

up talking for up to four hours with many different guests. They stay in touch with many of their former guests and several have come back for a second time and even have plans to make it an annual trip. "We have said many times that God has blessed us with the best guests. We have enjoyed getting to know so many of them. Most of our friends thought we had lost our minds for doing this. One of our daughters even referred to it as our *Redneck Riviera*. I think we have made believers out of all of them now with the success the Silo has had. We have no regrets & and look forward to sharing it with even more people.







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My work here is done!



THE ARGUMENT

Written By Anita Brienza

He used to love the holidays. Couldn't wait to decorate, to break out in carols, to wear a Santa hat, and revel in the season.

Now he never helped her with them. Never.

Okay, he put up the tree, but all he had to do was pull the three-foot pre-lighted, shrink-wrapped tree out of the shed on the

outside of their home, stand it up in the living room on a little table, cut off the plastic, plug it in, make sure all the lights worked and the ornaments were still connected, and fluff up the branches. There was barely time for three verses of "Deck The Halls" before he was done.

She hated how when he was finished after

five minutes' effort, he stood back, admiring his placement and shrink-wrap-cutting, and dusted his hands together, saying, "My work here is done. Time for a beer!" Every. Single. Year.

He resisted outdoor lights two years ago - "too much trouble and someone could get hurt" meaning her, because he never wanted to be on the ladder, he just wanted to hand her the lights so she could put them up. So that was something she did alone these days. It took her more than three verses of any holiday song - if she even felt like singing. Which she didn't.

And today...today she had to make 10 dozen cookies for the neighborhood potluck tomorrow night and wrap all the gifts for their twelve nieces and nephews, cook a ham dinner for their traditional visit with David and Karen, and make sure the bathroom was clean and clear of wet towels and dirty clothes.

She also had to tidy up all their cubbyholes because Karen loved to open and shut the little doors tucked between their stairs and under the sofa and bed and exclaim, "I can't believe how much you can store in this place! I would go crazy trying to remember where I put everything."

Karen - and the holidays - were exhausting.

She threw imaginary daggers at her husband's well-groomed head as he leaned back in his small space recliner to watch the game. He'd gotten a haircut yesterday. She'd like a haircut. And a manicure. But there was no time.

He turned his fresh haircut-head and looked at her.

"You wanted to give up our big house and live smaller. You have to give something up to get a simpler life. I sure have."

She didn't want to ask him for help with the wrapping - he was dismal at it. She couldn't trust him around the cookies - he'd eat half of them as he was lifting them out of the pans onto the cooling rack. And forget inviting him to organize cubbies or help cook dinner.

He was a happy one, though, she had to admit - skilled at pouring drinks for guests and passing appetizers and being good-natured while she, pink-cheeked from anger and the hot kitchen area, did everything to make the stupid holiday happen.

Sometime between wrapping her 10th gift, jockeying the last cookie tray into the oven, scrubbing the bathroom sink, dressing the ham for dinner, and trying to shove their folded clothes back into one of the cubbies, she snapped.

"I can't stand this house. It's too small! I can't do anything I need to do without exhausting myself!"

He turned his fresh haircut head and looked at her. "You wanted to give up our big house and live smaller. You have to give something up to get a simpler life. I sure have." He pointed at the tree and said, "Exhibit A." She threw the spatula at him, but it banked off the open bathroom door and he caught it easily.

"Put that ham in the fridge," he said. "I'm going to call Dave and Karen and tell them we're taking them out to dinner. No more bathroom cleaning and organizing. The presents can wait until after the holiday. We don't have to stay for the potluck

tomorrow - let's pack up the cookies and drop them off at the neighbor's. And I say we pull up stakes for a bit and hit the road right after that."

"Can we leave the lights on the house?" she asked.

"Absolutely." He smiled at her. "And the first thing I'm going to do when we find a good spot to stay for a week is get you a spa day. Happy holidays, honey."

Later, sitting in their truck with the holiday lights shining behind them, she didn't even mind when he started the car and dusted off his hands, saying, "My work here is done."

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How to Give Gifts in a Culture Where Everyone Already Buys Everything They Want

Written By Joshua Becker

Finding the perfect gift for loved ones seems more daunting than ever. Not because they need more, but precisely because they don't.

There is a common phrase we use during the holiday season that you've almost certainly heard and have probably asked yourself, "What do you buy for someone who already has everything?"



Not that long ago, that was something you said about your wealthy boss or super-rich uncle. But now, in a society where human beings own more material objects than at any point in human history, “the person who already owns everything” is most of us.

As a result, finding the perfect gift has become more stressful than ever.

Most people nowadays, who are wrapped up in the whirlwind of consumer culture, have already bought all the things they want or need. They’re not waiting for Christmas morning to receive what they want, they’re just clicking to ship on Amazon and getting it delivered by the very next morning.

Santa Claus doesn’t come down the chimney on Christmas Eve anymore; he arrives in an Amazon truck every day of the week. Gift-giving has become a game of guessing what unconsidered product might delight our loved ones, who, throughout the year, have already accumulated all the things they need and most of the things they knew they wanted.

This conundrum leaves us buying gifts for the sake of tradition, rather than need.

How do we give gifts in a culture where everyone already buys everything they want?

First, we need to resist the urge to let marketers and sales solve our problems for us. When we can’t think of what to give someone, too often, our impulse reaction is to scan the sales, and the Black Friday ads, or walk mindlessly up and down aisles at Target hoping to let the store show us what to buy.

Relying on businesses to tell us what to give as gifts will only result in us gifting the gifts businesses want us to give. If you

have to give a physical gift, think of the items you used recently that were genuinely helpful in moving your life forward.

But here are some alternative approaches:

Consider the charm of experiences. No experience is ever the same. Plus, they're the gifts that result in connection, laughter, and growth. Whether it's tickets to a local play, a promise of a home-cooked meal, or a voucher for a dance lesson, these gifts offer something that no store can stock – time spent together.

Handmade gifts come next, brimming with personal touch and thoughtfulness. Again, they are entirely original and unrepeatable. They stand out in a sea of mass-produced items—and can never be purchased on a whim during a late-night online shopping spree. A hand-knit scarf, a personal poem, or a personalized playlist can sometimes convey affection in ways that a purchased item cannot.



Another idea is to give the gift of your time. The most valuable gift you can offer someone is your time because when you give your time you are giving a portion of your life that you will never get back. Offer to help your sister paint her kitchen, take your nephew out for a day at the zoo, or schedule an afternoon hanging out with your mother. It's about being there for each other.

Another thoughtful approach is to consider a gift that gives back—gifts that contribute to a cause or charity. These gifts resonate with the spirit of the season, spreading joy beyond the immediate circle of giver and receiver and enriching the lives of others.

Each of these is an idea to help you think differently about gifts rather than just buying “something” at a store to fulfill an expectation.

But maybe the greatest gift you can give is the gift of not needing to exchange gifts.

First of all, if you are someone who already owns everything you need (and want), you can lower the stress level of your loved ones during the holiday by telling them not to buy you a gift this holiday season. Or, better yet, tell them you'd like to go out for a nice dinner with everyone, and that would be the best holiday gift anyone could give you.

Being clear and taking the initiative among your family this holiday season will provide the added benefit of allowing them to enjoy their season with less stress.

Sometimes, the best gift might be the gift of release from expectation. Suggesting a 'no-gift' agreement or asking loved ones to donate to a charity on your behalf can relieve pressure and refocus the holiday spirit on what truly matters.



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BACK TO BASICS

By Christina Nellesmann / Photos Courtesy of All Good Equipment Co



For the holiday season, let's get back to the basics and what makes them so special.

My very first camping trailer in 2006 was a 4x8 teardrop trailer. At that time, it was very rare to see these itty bitty campers on the road and people's reactions were priceless.

Now the teardrop trailer has become a widely used camper and companies around the world are building them with amenities normally only found in larger RVs — and the prices that go along with them.

I wanted to feature a new company that has kept the simple design and aesthetics of the original teardrop trailer. This company is the All Good Equipment Company in California. Not only is All Good a small, family-run company, but its designs focus on the purist nature of the teardrop trailer and its close connection to nature.

Matt Bettman, owner of [All Good Equipment Co](#), was so kind to give us more information on his company and teardrops.



The All Good
Equipment Co crew
at the Adventure
Van Expo at
Lake Tahoe

How did you become interested in teardrop trailers?

I've been interested in small, efficient living spaces my whole life. As a kid, I gravitated to the smallest nooks in the house where I would build forts and contemplate notions of independence and self-sufficiency.

My father was a weekend sailor and during my toddler years, we would spend afternoons on his friend's ketch on the San Francisco Bay. The aesthetic of that old boat remains in the back of my psyche as fuzzy images of teak and canvas accompanied by feelings of coziness on the edge of adventure. Decades later, I discovered teardrop trailers.

My wife and I, as well as our 4-year-old twins, had just moved into a house with a garage - which was to become my first real workshop. I was looking for a project that would utilize the skills I learned from the decade prior while living on boats and I needed something small that would fit in this household garage.

My family loves camping, and we're always looking at ways to make it easier to get out there, so a teardrop trailer was a natural choice. I am an industrial designer by trade, so the opportunity to design something for camping

was particularly alluring. The teardrop trailer is a perfect design exercise because every decision you make affects another part of the whole. Want another inch of space in the galley cabinets? You have to give up an inch in the interior storage and vice versa.

This back-and-forth optimization was so compelling that when I had the opportunity to co-teach an industrial design class at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, I chose teardrop trailers as the subject matter for the semester. Additionally, I benefited from a vibrant DIY community that offered a wealth of practical information on forums like [Teardrops n Tiny Trailers \(TNTTT for short\)](#). This community not only gave me the building blocks for how to get started, but they were also very encouraging to new builders.

I spent the next two years designing and building what has become the prototype. Then I spent the following two years refining and building the next: Prototype 2. The two trailers had garnered enough attention and positive feedback that I decided to leave my real job and found the All Good Equipment Company, a trailer and gear company that, with luck and effort, will fund my camping addiction.

What do you feel makes your trailers unique from other teardrops or teardrop companies?

Teardrop trailers in general are unique. They exist in a sort of middle ground - not quite in the realm of gear, but they're also not an RV in the standard sense. When designing the All Good Equipment Co trailer I chose to regard it as a piece of equipment rather than a tiny RV.

It is practical, simple, durable, and versatile like my favorite backpacking gear. It's not designed with superlatives in mind. I can't claim that it uses the lightest materials, has the burliest frame, or that the electrical system will power a small city. What I can claim is that it is an elegant balance between competing constraints. It's light enough to be towed by a small car (weighing in at just over 1,000 lb.) without sacrificing comfort or aesthetics. While it is not built up for rock crawling, it's strong enough to get you to 99% of the places you want to go. It is optimized for the common family with busy schedules - it shines on a long weekend or a week-long road trip. Most importantly it helps you to get out more, stay out longer, and come back home refreshed.

The trailer is designed with some specific features, or lack thereof, that take into account the idiosyncrasies of California. If you've spent any time in and around Yosemite, South Lake Tahoe, or any of the more populated parts of the Sierras, you are probably aware of the bear problem, specifically the smart bear problem. In the problem areas, cars and campers will likely get broken into if a hungry black bear walks by and senses food inside. This was one of many reasons we elected not to build a stove into the galley.

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Instead, we provide each trailer with a freestanding table that you can rest your camp stove on (or your cocktails when by the campfire). This keeps most cooking odors and splatters out of the trailer, avoiding unsolicited visits from hungry bears. When not in use, the table tucks away into an under-floor compartment.

For the same reason (bears), we chose not to build a cooler/refrigerator into the galley. This separation of appliances from the trailer has many additional benefits. It allows you the option to cook away from the trailer, wherever the party is. When we drive somewhere, we keep our cooler in our car which makes it easier

to bring it with us when shopping along the coast for local crab or abalone.

When designing the first trailer I had to ask myself, “If a built-in stove or cooler breaks in ten years, would I be able to find parts to fix it? Would something else fit in the hole it left behind?” Without appliances in the galley area, we have a lot more space for other things. The galley houses a plethora of pots and pans, as well as dishes and silverware for six. I chose not to put doors on the galley cabinets because we always have something on the counter which would make opening doors a pain. The added benefit of this is that everything is close at hand and easily visible at a glance.



After a long weekend of camping with kids and/or friends, it's easy to see which dishes we're missing and which ones we've inherited. We chose to include a sink in our galley because I figured a good sink situation is one of the harder things to arrange in camp. It is large enough to wash our biggest pot and the spout is high enough to fill our large water boiler. It's supplied by a simple 4-gallon water jug that lasts a weekend and is easy to refill on the road or from a river (be sure to purify it if you plan to drink it).

Finally, our trailer is simple. Simplicity is often underrated, but for something that gets used hard, and then put away for a month or two, it is essential for longevity. Early on, when I started

envisioning the trailer I knew I wanted a complete design, one that takes into account not only the features and accommodations while on the road but also the very realistic scenario of sitting for a couple of months in the driveway without much attention. If we consider the whole experience of owning a camper, we have to take into account that for most users, the trailer spends the bulk of its time dormant, awaiting the next adventure. I knew that for it to live up to the longevity goals I set, I needed this trailer to be relatively inert when not in use. To accomplish that, I keep it simple and use proven high-quality materials that live up to all we ask of the trailer, whether out in the woods, or sitting in the driveway.





Tell us about the materials you use in your builds.

Our materials are selected for quality and performance, most are used in the boat building industry, including structural components, stainless steel fixtures, and even adhesives. We use a marine grade, BS1088 standard plywood made of Okoume. It is not only beautiful, but it is lightweight (20 percent lighter than Baltic birch) and rot-resistant. It is used extensively in custom sailboats for its excellent properties. We hand-finish our wood surfaces with low VOC finishes that bring out the beauty of the grain and feel good to the touch. The body is clad

with aluminum, a proven material that looks great and doesn't readily degrade.

Where practical, we avoid the use of plastic, instead opting for materials that perform better and won't eventually break down into microplastics. For instance, rather than use styrofoam panels for insulation, we use sheep's wool, not only on the roof but also on the walls. This not only helps us to reduce manufacturing waste by eliminating off-cuts, but it also has some beneficial properties when it comes to condensation and moisture management, which can be an issue in a space as small as a teardrop trailer.



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When it comes to selecting materials, there are a few things that remain top of mind. As an industrial designer, I'm responsible for my fair share of plastic that will end up in landfills. Many of the products I've helped design are enticing at the moment but are subject to the whims of trends and constantly advancing technology, discarded as soon as they are deemed obsolete.

I want to create something different, something that will endure not only in its function but also to remain aesthetically relevant. I set a goal of designing and building the trailer so that it would last in appeal as long as some of the vintage teardrop trailers that are still being used and coveted today, 50 years after their original purchase.



Who is interested in ordering the All Good Equipment Co teardrops?

We've had a lot of interest from all sorts of people. I think that the versatility of the trailer speaks to a diverse crowd. The balance of price, aesthetics and build quality seems to hit a sweet spot that resonates with potential buyers.

What are the most requested customizations?

We are just starting, so we haven't received much in the way of customization requests. People seem to like it the way it is as it offers a lot of versatility for any type of camping, whether you're on a road trip or camping in a state park. That said, we've had a few intriguing ideas that would be purpose-built, from a track day trailer that will carry tools and a set of racing tires and can be towed by a track car, to a mountain biking-focused trailer that will carry bikes and be optimized for use at events and races. The possibilities are endless and I find that our trailer would be a great support vehicle for whatever adventure comes along.





Rocket **Mass Heaters** for Tiny Houses

Written By Monica Truong

At first glance, the phrase ‘a rocket mass heater for a tiny house’ sounds contradictory, but actually, it is complementary. One of the reasons people live in tiny houses is that they wish to leave a lighter carbon footprint on the earth. Rocket mass heaters (RMH) can heat your tiny house, cook your food, and heat your water using only 1/10 of the fuel of a traditional wood stove. Some sources say that it creates less than 2% of CO2 emissions of natural gas or electric heat. According to Alan Booker, executive director of the Institute of Integrated Regenerative Design, rocket mass heaters are not only a carbon-neutral form of heating, they can even be carbon-negative! Alan’s ideas are discussed [in this thread](#) on permies.com. Yes, burning wood to heat your tiny house can reduce the carbon going into the atmosphere!

What is a Rocket Mass Heater?

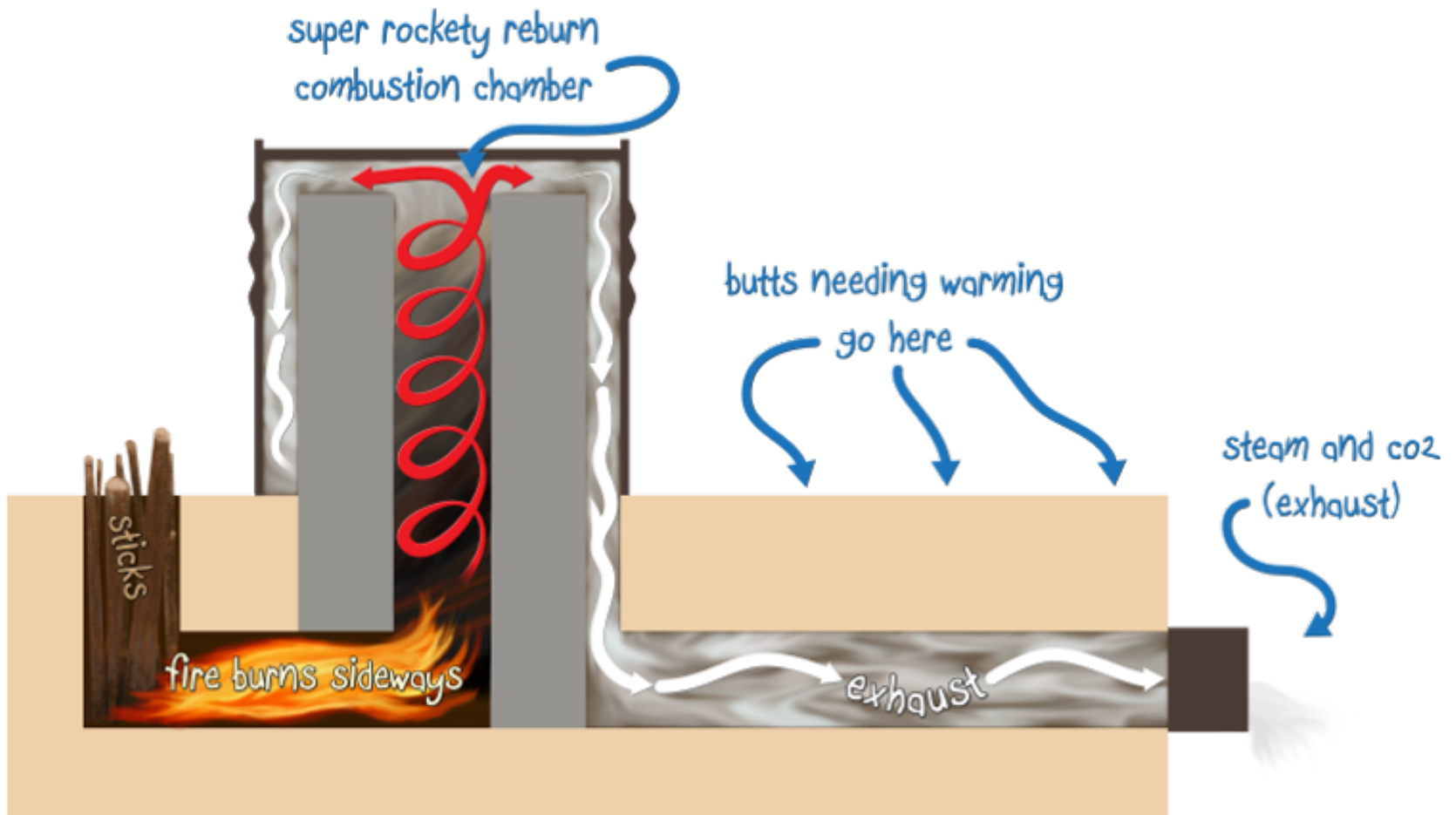
A rocket mass heater combines the thermal mass involved in a masonry heater with the efficient combustion of a rocket stove. It grew out of Ianto Evans' work in Central America, where he created a cooking stove that was more efficient and safer to use. Later he adapted this with a thermal mass for home heating in Oregon. The design features that set it apart are:

1. an insulated combustion chamber where fuel is burned with high efficiency at a high temperature
2. a large thermal mass that absorbs most of the generated heat before the gases are released into the atmosphere and slowly radiate into the living space.

How Does a Rocket Mass Heater Work?

Traditional wood stoves often send most of their heat straight up the chimney. But not a rocket mass heater! The simple, yet ingenious design, ensures the complete combustion of wood, extracting every possible bit of energy before letting those gases escape through the chimney. The heat that would have been wasted up the chimney is first circulated in a bench that absorbs the heat, radiating it into the air or to bums sitting on it.

That means more heat in your home and less waste up the chimney. This short video, [What is a Rocket Mass Heater](#), explains how it all works. Rocket mass heaters are a proven, though not yet as widely known as their far more costly and complicated cousin, the Masonry Heater.



Because of the unique design, the rocket mass heater reaches temperatures much higher than conventional wood stoves. The hotter fire burns off any creosote and other burn by-products. Creosote is a black tar-like substance, one of the many undesirable by-products of incomplete combustion and it is the leading cause of many chimney fires. The complete combustion of a rocket mass heater fire means there is no creosote build-up. The RMH stove burns so cleanly that there is barely any smoke coming out of the chimney.

Rocket mass heaters are so efficient that you could heat your home with just twigs or deadfall from your property. Since you need less fuel, you will also save time by not having to chop, stack, and move all the chords of wood that you would normally! It is hard to believe, but it is true. Most are designed to take small pieces of wood, unlike the regular wood stove. It's almost like having free heat!

Examples of Rocket Mass Heaters

But wait, you say, the point of a tiny house is to have less stuff. A rocket mass heater brings to mind something very large. At Wheaton Labs, the hub of rocket mass heater innovation, there are (almost) massless rocket mass heaters. One example is ‘Minnie Mouse’. Chris McClellan, aka Uncle Mud, is the natural building and rocket mass heater consultant who made this variation for small spaces that he calls the “Cottage Rocket.”



This cottage rocket has a cob hat on top of the burn barrel. The addition of the cob hat allows the heat radiating off the top of the barrel to be ‘stored’ and released later, making for a more stable indoor temperature while the rocket mass heater is firing. To see Minnie Mouse in action, check out this YouTube video: [The Love Shack; a tiny house/cabin with a tiny rocket mass heater.](#)

The Cottage Rocket was designed specifically to minimize size and weight and would probably be the most



suitable for Tiny Houses. It is made from 1-3 fifty-gallon metal drums stacked, a standard insulated J-tube that is surrounded by a mass. The mass can be pea gravel, cob, broken bricks, etc. For a discussion of the design, check out [the cottage rocket thread on permies.com](#). Check out the [updated cottage rocket plans](#) for details on how to build one yourself.

A prettier, but slightly bigger version of a rocket mass heater in a tiny space is the Cyclone rocket mass heater. The burn barrel is encased in brick and cob. This variation has more mass than the Minnie Mouse, but it is still very compact.

A [pebble-style rocket mass heater](#) is also suited to small spaces. This design has a pebble mass bench, an innovation by Paul Wheaton, the Duke of Permaculture and founder of [Permies.com](#). Pebble-style heaters weigh less, allowing them to be moved and modified more easily. This heater was designed specifically to heat a small space with a wooden floor, balancing gentle radiant heat and thermal storage with no hot spots. This creation takes up more space, but that space doubles as a seating area. The length of the bench can be designed to fit whatever space the homeowner has.



Can I Make One?

Rocket mass heaters are perfect for DIY. The materials are simple and easy to find: refractory clay brick, a burn barrel, pebbles, cob (sand, clay, and straw), and stove pipes. It has been estimated to cost \$200-\$600 dollars, depending on various factors like the size of the rocket mass heater and what materials you have on hand. In addition, most builds can be done easily on a weekend.

Other Uses for Rocket Mass Heaters

Still don't want to fork over the interior real estate? There are endless possibilities for leveraging Rocket Mass Heaters for other homestead uses, indoors and out, from garden season extension to cooking, and heating water, to building a rocket ceramics kiln or forge. In previous years, the Rocket Mass Heater Jamboree at Wheaton Labs in Montana has been at the forefront of innovation in rocket mass heater technology - if you'd like to see the event return, register your interest by posting a message [here](#). Among the most popular contraptions built during these events is the [rocket oven](#) which can heat up in 25 minutes with almost no smoke while using a tiny fraction of a wood most pizza oven. To learn more about Rocket Mass Heaters and other off-grid, low-tech solutions, consider coming to the renowned [Permaculture Technology Jamboree](#) in the summer of 2024. Tickets are now on sale or work-trade positions are possible. No time? Illustrated step-by-step plans for the novice and more advanced DIYer along with more information about Rocket Mass Heaters can be found at the [Free Heat website](#).



Summary

Rocket mass heaters are hyper-efficient wood-burning stoves that are an environmentally friendly way to meet all your heating needs and more! Indoors, outdoors, and in the workshop, there is a use for rocket mass heaters everywhere. It is a little-known, but well-proven technology that anyone can build and customize to their unique situation. Finally and more importantly, we are convinced that it is a solution to climate change if it were to be adopted by the masses.

More Links:

<https://richsoil.com/rocket-stove-mass-heater.jsp>

<https://permies.com>

<https://richsoil.com/wood-heat.jsp>

<https://freeheat.info/>

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In August of 2023, we introduced you to Tyler and Contessa Jones. Owners of the **JCO Campground at Lee Baysden Pond** and the pair of North Carolinians are making quite an impression on the modern tiny house movement, first with their A-frame (cover model in August) and now with their Floating Cabin design and build.

The pair jumped in head first on July 4, 2022, when they set out milling Tulip Poplar from their land that had died naturally or been downed by area storms. Combined with materials they already had the A-frame took shape quickly and the first booking was the first weekend of September. Now the couple is preparing to introduce their 12'x16' floating

cabin to those looking for an unusual overnight stay on one of the most popular fishing spots in eastern North Carolina. Turns out, long before Tyler and Tessa even bought the Lake and opened the campground Tyler had dreamed of building a floating cabin.

With a 16'x24' deck surrounding the nearly 200 sq. ft. cabin, the unique space is mostly built out of rough cut, downed, sweet gum and poplar boards from the Jones' homemade sawmill. The framework is pressure-treated southern yellow pine resting on recycled, fiberglass, foam-filled floats. I'm told that watching the sun rise through the glass front door or sitting on the front porch while completely floating on the water is amazing!





Inside the cabin, there is a Queen bed, a futon couch, a mini fridge, a microwave, a kitchen sink, and even a full private bathroom. Rental will come with chairs for front porch sitting. For those cooler nights, there is a cozy gas fireplace, and like the A-frame glam cabin, seasonal decorations will complete the space when appropriate, making for a truly memorable experience! The rest of the year the space boasts a fishing and outdoor motif for nature enthusiasts. Connected to a private spot on land by walkboards, you will also have access to a fire pit, a charcoal grill, and a picnic table. And

did I mention that the rental will come complete with a boat to enjoy fishing on the 22-acre lake?

When talking to Tessa about the actual build she is quick to admit that "Building the floating cabin has had some challenges and taken us much longer than predicted. The size grew as we started making plans. We had to recover some of our float docks (where we took the floats from for framework) after Hurricane Ophelia flooded them over the dam on our property, Lee Baysden Pond. The docks were just floating about until we started the project hence they were not tied down during the Hurricane." She carries a good sense of humor about it though ending her story with a simple "Whoops!"

In trying to get the frame platform in the water to start building the cabin the Jones' sunk a trailer although they did ultimately recover it. Moving it into its temporary power site was a challenge too. Tessa stood in the cabin filming and giving directions to the team while Tyler was in waders in



the water helping move it. Tyler's brother, John, was in a truck pulling it on land. They also had a boat and all hands on land with tie-off ropes to set it in place. Only one more move and the cabin will be permanently moored at its final site.

This madness is a passion for Tyler and Tessa though. They love hosting business, meeting people, and sharing their beloved Eastern North Carolina. They enjoy collaborating with other local small businesses to offer add-ons such as roses, wine, chocolate-covered strawberries, charcuterie boxes, and more. They have created a local tourism guide and a Christmas-themed tourism guide where guests can check out local restaurants, wineries, farms, and more. There is no doubt that this won't be their last build. So long as people have Christmas wishes to stay overnight in something a little different with a lot of activity, the Jones family will continue providing at their glamping property in Eastern NC.





Stay tuned to next month's issue to find out how the floating cabin turned out and how you can rent it today!



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