

COUNTRY LIVING



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1. A LOG HOME AS A SECOND HOME

A log home as a second home is an excellent choice for many reasons. Here are some of the advantages:

Easier to Build

A nice advantage to building a log home as your second home is that you have the option of using a log home kit to build your home. Not only does this minimize the cost of your cabin, but it can also make the building of the home a fun family project. Whether it's a ranch style home or a two story home with a view, a log home building kit is available to help make your dream of a second home come true.



Versatile

A log home can serve as a cosy cabin for weekend getaways, be a summer house or a home for family vacations. A home built with logs can be adapted for summer living or winter living, to be a ski lodge or a summer camp style home. A log cabin can be whatever your family needs.

Comfortable

A traditionally built home simply cannot match the atmosphere and comfort of a home built with logs with a fireplace. Whether it's cuddling by the fire with your significant other, watching the wildlife out the kitchen window or rocking on the porch with a rocking chair, a log house invites people in and wraps them in comfort.

Beauty

From the outside, a home made from logs has a rustic feel that can't be matched by a traditional home. If you plan to build your home in a forested area, then it will look natural, like it belongs. There's also a sense of history to a log house, even if it's newly built. You'll get a sense of the pioneer days when log homes were the standard.

Eco-Friendly

If you use sustainable logs and make eco-friendly choices with regards to energy and building materials, log homes are an eco-friendly choice for anyone who cares about the earth.

Natural

Many chemicals and often dangerous materials go into making a traditional house. From the fibreglass insulation to toxic paints and stains. A log home owner doesn't need insulation, and there are excellent choices for eco-friendly, non-toxic finishes for every surface of the home. In addition, a log home structure, simply looks like it belongs in the outdoors.

Family Friendly

Choosing a log house as a second home is also family friendly. Families with kids can teach them more respect for nature and the environment around them.

2. LOG HOMES AS ECO-FRIENDLY HOMES

While a log home may not be the first type of home you think of when you think of a green home, the fact is log homes are naturally more eco-friendly than traditionally built homes.



The Logs and Wood

The first consideration for any log home to be eco-friendly is the logs that are used. The main factor for logs to be considered eco-friendly is that the logs should be from a sustainable source. Sustainable sources would include reclaimed wood from other homes and buildings that have been demolished or remodeled, logs that come from a tree farm or other managed forest, logs from burnt out or diseased trees and wood reclaimed from rivers such as old pilings and piers. These types of wood are excellent choices to use in building a log home. The idea is to make sure that your source of logs is sustainable and definitely not from old growth forests or sensitive forest lands.

Size and Layout

Another consideration is the size and layout of a log home. The larger the home, the more logs and materials that will be required. In addition, the layout is crucial to a log home's eco-friendliness. The layout should minimize energy usage for heating and cooling, maximize outdoor sources of light with strategic placement of windows and maximize the sun's rays at different times of the day. The layout and placement of the home should also be in harmony with the existing land and environment.

Building Materials

Other than the logs, the other materials used in a log home are also essential to the eco-friendliness of the space. Carpets, fixtures, flooring, cabinets, appliances, windows, every aspect is important to making a log home green. Some materials, such as carpeting, can give off what are called VOC's or Volatile Organic Compounds when they are installed. These compounds are from the manufacturing of the product and the use of various solvents and glues in the process. These compounds take time to dissipate and can be harmful to chemically sensitive people. This is why the selection of the materials for the home is so important. Nearly every element of a log home can be eco-friendly, you just need to opt for the more organic and eco-friendly choices available.

Energy and Electricity

Like other homes, a log home can be powered by alternative energies that can either comprise the entire energy system of the home or act as an adjunct to a traditional power supply. Solar panels are a popular accessory for log homes, especially those in an

area with excellent sun exposure. When taking these aspects into account, a log home can be one of the most environmentally sound choices when building a new home.

3. OFF GRID POWER SUPPLY

Wind turbines provide an **off grid power supply**, are now easy to make yourself and can frequently generate enough off grid power supply to cover an average home's energy requirements. That means many homes can now go off grid with well-functioning off grid batteries. Or, with several 3000 Watt wind turbines, you can actually feed back into the national grid and generate a regular income.



In today's age of expecting all our power requirements on tap, it is an exciting prospect to think we can actually make our own off grid power supply easily with the right technical advice. It becomes even more interesting when you know, with a good guide, it can be done cheaply without recourse to companies offering expensive renewable energy products.

To make an off grid power supply requires a good understanding of how wind turbines can convert wind power into electrical power. You will also need to work out how to make a decent off grid generator and off grid batteries. To produce maximum efficiency, all must be completed to a high specification: the power supply from the wind turbine, the generator, and the batteries.

That may make you think that you would need to approach firms offering self-sufficiency products way beyond your budget. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Full instructions and advice on off grid power supply, made by you and your limited technical knowledge can be found in great guides available on the internet.

Off grid power supply guides can be found in book shops and other outlets, but I would strongly advise buying via the internet. Most internet guides will provide a 30 or 60 day money back guarantee, so, if you're not completely satisfied, you know you will get a full refund. Do watch out for that. It's extremely important when you get involved in something like an off grid power supply system.

Most people nowadays interested in an off grid power supply opt for a wind turbine. You will also need to know about how to make your own generator and how to store electricity in a bank of batteries. But for now, let's look at wind turbines and how they work.

Wind turbines may be a very efficient way of obtaining an off grid power supply and are the preferred choice of most people, currently. They depend to a large extent on the wind energy which can be tapped in a specific locality. This is important; there may be

better ways of exploiting of off-grid energy in your area, for example sun rays. However, for many people wind power is the way to go.

If wind power is the way to go in your particular situation, you need to start thinking about how to maximize its efficiency. I would suggest getting a manual from someone who has already done it, but that is up to you. Solar power is another potential option and your investment can be recouped rapidly.

So, think first about where you will position your wind turbine. Detailed experimentation of how the wind blows over your geographical area over the space of several years would be very handy. Your local meteorological office will give you some information, but the rest you will need to test for yourself. Of course, once you have your off grid generator in place, your windmill can always be repositioned, so this consideration is not unalterable. But it is a pain. I know. I've fine tuned the positioning of my own windmill three times.

Next, think about the efficiency of your equipment. This is where a good off grid power supply guide really comes into its own. If the guide has it right, and you can follow the instructions properly, you could easily end up with 700% more efficiency than you would otherwise have had.

Erecting a wind turbine to create an *off grid power supply* isn't for the unassuming, so beware of neighbors. Just make sure you find a guide, preferably at under \$100, to get it all right and get yourself on the right path to power self-sufficiency.

4. WOODWORKING FURNITURE AND CARPENTRY

Woodworking beginners and everybody interested in woodworking furniture or carpentry woodworking plans hopefully find out a lot about their new activity on this site. In any case, that was my goal when creating this page here.

Working with wood is a very inventive activity. You can form various different items, pieces of furniture, models, etc. out of one single substance - wood. This ingenuity that is



part of woodworking is part of the reason why woodworking is such a well known leisure activity and so many people enjoy it.

It is unfortunate that at times you can see people in the beginning getting really interested excited about working with wood, then however, they realize that there are in fact some basic skills required in order to become a good woodworker. That is, when many

people lose their curiosity in this activity. In order to avoid this to happen, it is really essential that you get yourself to a great extend informed about the activity of woodworking. It does not make sense to start this new hobby that really requires e.g. the purchase of tools and equipment down the road, if you are not sure that woodworking is in fact an activity you want to practice for a longer period of time. So it is truly central that you get yourself educated about your soon-to-be new leisure activity be it by chatting with friends whether they have any knowledge in working with wood, or by skimming through a few related magazines during your next bookstore visit.

After finding out as much as you can regard working with wood, I strongly suggest getting an actual woodworking guide. That guide could be a book or a software bundle- but again, whatever has the name or tag "woodworking" on it, is really worthwhile checking it out. As with most other hobbies, the more knowledgeable you are about a certain hobby - in this example woodworking - the easier it is for you to get into the activity without any bigger setbacks that can be highly frustrating and pretty expensive.

Speaking of costly, the hobby of woodworking can be a pretty pricey hobby - think about all the utensils and gears that are required, in particular for the more difficult projects. Hence, what I really recommend is to check out one of the digital wood-working blueprints out there. Today, some software packages that is related to woodworking for starters also has pretty comprehensive instructions, layout plans, required materials lists, etc. Often, these software packages take any speculations out of beginners in working with wood.

Assuming you have no deeper prior knowledge of woodworking, it is best to start out your new hobby with a rather simple task, i.e. an easy woodworking job. For true

starters in woodworking, a bookshelf, for example, will be a good project to try your expertise on. Also, smaller woodworking jobs will give you fast satisfaction within only a few hours and you can also be certain not to get overwhelmed with your first project. As mentioned before, online woodworking blueprints will make your life a lot easier here. You can follow the given directives pretty much step by step. Then, if you want to level up a little with your projects, you could try yourself on an actual piece of house furnishing, for example a backyard bench or a desk for your house. Bear in mind that - as you advance further with your woodworking expertise- creating an actual fixture for the outside of your house, say a garden house, might demand a building authorization or something like that from your town.

Probably the one most crucial advice I can make, especially for beginners in woodworking, is to get one of the woodworking plans that are available on the web.

One of the greatest things you can do, in particular being a starter in working with wood, is to purchase one of the before mentioned woodworking plans and blueprints. It can be a fantastic resource for anyone interested in woodworking. It gives you a huge diversity of new ideas for woodworking projects, and it also allows you to take relatively easy to follow steps into the hobby itself; providing you with fresh guidelines and tricks for getting on track, or improving your woodworking capabilities to grow to be a real woodworking pro.

5. HOMESTEAD LAWS AND EXEMPTIONS

The homestead laws were made to provide protection to homeowners from the creditors, in case of deteriorating economical condition. It also gives the surviving family member the right of occupancy in case the owner is deceased. The law also offers reduction in property tax.

Homestead laws mainly provide homestead exemption to the people facing financial crisis. This exemption is included in the state statutes or the constitutional provisions all across the United States. These statutes were passed with an intention of providing the family, a peaceful lodging irrespective of their monetary adversity. These laws were established with the view that, the significance of a homestead is greater as compared to the payment of debts.

Features of Homestead Exemption:

We can summarize the features provided by homestead exemption laws into three general features:

- If due to some reasons the debtor dies, this law entitles the surviving spouse to get a secure shelter.
- The debtor's house cannot be sold forcefully, in order to convene with the demands of the creditors.
- The debtor's home receives an exemption from any sort of property tax that is applicable.

A financial value is used by the homestead exemptions for determining the tax exemption that is to be provided. This value is determined by assessing the value of the homes as compared to the taxes. This procedure is followed to ensure that after the assessment, the homes found to have a lower value can get the most benefit of the exemption.

The state laws decide the amount that is to be exempted. In some of the states, the homeowners are eligible to get exemptions without any sort of limitations, where as some states do not grant any exemptions at all. There are also some states where, in case of bankruptcy, exemption is given automatically. Whereas, in majority of states, the debtor in order to get an exemption will have to first file for bankruptcy. But when a debtor gets an exemption from the state, it doesn't mean that the debtor would no longer have to pay his creditors.

Logically there is no downside for a homeowner in declaring their primary residence as a homestead. The only minor disadvantage for them could be that they might have to apply for it and annually renew it. But overlooking this minor setback, it's basically saving money at no cost.

6. DIY PHOTO VOLTAIC POWER

There are several doing it yourself or DIY photo voltaic power making ways offered nowadays. First, you can select the DIY solar energy making way during which you will construct and install solar panels. The 2nd DIY solar power way would be to acquire market-sold solar



panels despite the fact that they're not inexpensive due to the fact they are durable than homemade solar panels. The third DIY photo voltaic power option would be to hire a skilled to set up solar energy panels in your property.

You can build and set up your own solar panel method on your own. Actually, this DIY solar power choice could be the least expensive among the three DIY photo voltaic power options. Building a solar panel might be a simple and easy task with all the Web DIY guides on developing a homemade solar energy panel. These DIY solar energy Internet guides promises to be simple and easy. Nonetheless, if you do not have any knowledge or expertise in construction, this choice won't be easy for you personally to complete.

So instead of developing a photo voltaic panel program on your personal, acquire a commercial or market-sold solar. This may be the second DIY photo voltaic power choice which people can select. Market-sold solar panels aren't truly cheap because they are quite pricey right now. But, the costs of industrial solar panels have steadily heading down since their introduction towards the market. The cost of market-sold solar panels is definitely an indication of their top quality. Market-sold solar panels are constructed for lengthy and large use and also have an economic existence of 8-10 years. It is possible to opt to acquire market-sold photo voltaic panels and set up them on your very own with ease.

Lastly, you can employ professionals to install solar panels within your house. This DIY photo voltaic energy alternative isn't the lowest priced option but may be the option with the highest top quality. This really is due to the fact solar power experts have far better abilities and understanding in the installation of panels. With their knowledge, the installation of the photo voltaic panel technique would be high quality. Also, since of their expertise and experience, the cost of consulting and hiring them is large. Nevertheless, this really is also the simplest DIY solar energy option because all you might have to complete is to get your telephone address e-book, get in touch with the experts, hire them, after which wait till the installation is finish to commence making solar power.

DIY solar energy producing techniques are varied when it comes to cost and ease. Some DIY photo voltaic power is inexpensive and some aren't, some are difficult and some are

as simple as dialing a telephone amount. The decision on which DIY photo voltaic energy to use nevertheless depends upon the person who would go green.

7. TIPS FOR DIY HOME RENOVATIONS

The home improvement sector is growing fast and many homeowners are choosing to DIY their home renovations. However, there is still a large percentage of the population that feels that executing such projects is difficult. Nonetheless, the number of owners opting to renovate by themselves is increasing. The most important aspect of the DIY home renovations is to know when the work can be carried out alone by the owner and when a professional needs to be hired.



DIY Projects - There are some easily recognizable projects that homeowners can complete on their own. These include painting, minor repairs, or small remodelling tasks. However, projects that require technical skills must be done by professionals.

Commitment - An important part of DIY renovations is that the owners should be focused and committed to complete the project. It is often noted that DIY projects drag on due to the owner's loss of focus as they become occupied with other activities.

Equipment - To complete a DIY renovation, homeowners should plan the project ahead of time. In addition, you should gather all the necessary tools and equipment that are needed to complete the project. Adhering to the plan and the timeline ensures that the owners complete their project.

Time and Skills - Homeowners choosing DIY should keep in mind that the projects takes time and basic skills to be successfully completed. There will be many unforeseen circumstances that may arise as the job is performed. It is thus important that owners allocate enough time and needed skills to finish the project.

Protection - While doing the projects, individuals should adhere to all the necessary safety requirements. DIY home remodelling requires safety gear such as protective clothes, eye protection and gloves while working on the projects. Some need ladders to work with electrical connections. Before starting, you should be sure that you can safely manage these seemingly simple activities.

Cost Estimates - Home improvement projects cost money though the amount depends on the type and size of the projects. Some projects require structural modifications and so owners need to ensure that the house is structurally strong to be modified. Researching the various types of materials that are available will provide owners flexibility in their DIY home renovations. Planning before commencing the actual work will save costs while completing the project.

Insurance Coverage - There are certain home insurance policies that cover any damage incurred while working on DIY home renovations. Look into the damages that are covered by your existing home insurance policy before embarking on the remodelling project. In addition, checking the maximum amount of the coverage is also important to assure that you are indeed protected.

As more people opt to DIY their renovations, keeping the above guidelines in mind will benefit every owner of a household. Similar to all other areas, they can improve their remodelling skills by undertaking or practicing with smaller projects within their homes first. Using the Internet to find tricks and tips to successfully complete a remodelling project can be beneficial. It is also a good site for beginners to buy equipment. You may want to check further on these online sources.

8. LESS IS MORE - IS THE TINY HOUSE MOVEMENT FOR YOU?

Americans live, on average, in the largest houses in the world. An average family has a house that is over 2,500 square feet, and many people aspire to own houses that are even larger. But, there is a small but significant movement toward the other end of the spectrum: more and more people are seeking out houses that are extremely small, some as little as 150 square feet inside.

These houses come in all descriptions. Some are converted shipping containers. Others are updated versions of traveller's wagons that fit easily into the bed of a pick-up truck. Most have cunning designs that combine daytime living and sleeping areas in a way that maximizes the use of every inch of space. The homes have many advantages:



- **Low utility bills.** Smaller footprint means that heating and cooling costs are much smaller, too.
- **Lower maintenance costs.** Having a tiny house also means having a tiny roof. Replacement can be as low as a few hundred as opposed to the ten thousand or more you can spend on a larger home. Other maintenance costs are scaled down as well.
- **The best of everything.** If you only have 100 square feet of flooring to cover, why not go for your most-desired options? Whether its carrera marble counters or flooring made from salvaged antique hardwood, surfaces become much more affordable when you don't have much space to cover. Many tiny house advocates choose environmentally friendly surfaces that tend to be prohibitively expensive when used in larger dwellings.
- **Beautifully designed homes.** The houses focus on design over roominess, so, they are usually highly esthetically pleasing spaces.
- **A simpler, more streamlined lifestyle.** Many of us get bogged down and stressed out by all of our stuff. Extremely small living spaces mean that you need to be ruthless about possessions; those that don't serve a purpose need to go. Most tiny house dwellers report that they feel much happier and calmer with all of the visual noise removed.

But, there are plenty of drawbacks, as well:

- **No place to get away.** If you want to go to sleep but your husband wants to watch movies for another two hours, he doesn't have the option of going to the other end of the house to keep the noise and light from bothering you.

- **No storage.** While tiny house living is cheaper in many ways, it limits your ability to stock up on sale-priced items, meaning you'll often pay more for everything from food to toothpaste.
- **Permitting can be tough.** Many areas won't allow you to build extremely small houses. Some tiny house advocates have said that they have wound up purchasing lots in trailer parks because other areas won't allow the scaled-down dwellings.

It is definitely not an option for everyone; but, tiny houses could be a choice for those who want to simplify and scale down from the usual American expectations.

9. COUNTRY LIVING FURNITURE

A home with Country Living Furniture is classic and it is never washed away by years and latest trends. Many people create a sense of country living in their house or apartment just to remind them of home. There are few characteristics of country home style that somehow give warmth and comfort to every corner of the room. It seems that the house welcomes warmly every time the owners every time they arrive at home.



One of the reasons why houses with country style are very popular is because it reminds people of the house where they grew up and the love that surrounds it. But comfort and warmth are not the only reasons why this particular style is always preferred by many. Another reason is because it is elegant. Modern version of country style homes is very sophisticated yet the sense of serenity is still very obvious. The choice of the Country Living Furniture that is put around the house is the key to creating a modern country theme that looks classic rather than old. Here are a few guides on choosing Country Living Furniture.

Material: The material that is commonly used for Country Living Furniture is wood. There are a lot of items made of woods that can be found in a country style home. Wooden tables are often become the focal point of a home with such theme. However, the wooden furniture put in the house should fit certain characteristics, and one of the most common is the earthy tone of the finishes. The wooden furniture is not finished with thick colors, but it is finished with earthy colors instead. It is done to show the natural pattern of the woods. The pattern becomes one of the elements that make country homes feel so natural. Choosing furniture with other material is acceptable as long as the earthy tone is preserved.

Element of Comfort: A certain thing that Country Living Furniture should be able to do is to attract people to relax. This is why comfortable fabrics and a lot of stuffing are used a lot in country homes. Plushy couch is a very important piece of furniture. It is where the whole family sits together and shares their stories. They drown themselves in the comfort of the couch and enjoy the time. Nothing feels like cuddling in a plushy couch. So if you want to create your own country style home, a sofa with soft fabric and pillowy feeling should be included in the shopping list.

When it comes to pillowy feeling, lots of pillows are found in typical country homes. This is another element that supports the comfort. A comfortable sofa is never complete without a line of beautiful and puffy pillows. These pillows are usually in bright colors with various patterns. They brighten up the house and complement the sofa. As if one

cannot have enough comfort, afghans or quilts are placed on the sofa for the people to comfort themselves. Rugs are also used to decorate the floor and give another warmth feeling.

In conclusion, in order to choose the right furniture for the county home, at least two things should be taken into consideration. The first is the material of the furniture, mostly woods, or others with earthy tones. Secondly, the elements of comfort like puffy sofa and pillows, also comforters from soft fabrics like cotton, linen, or wool. Knowing all that, the money spent for the Country Living Furniture would be worth it.

10. CONSIDERING A COOKING CAREER?

It is important to do your homework before you decide to pursue cooking careers; enjoying cooking at home can lead to a false sense of enjoyment versus working in a commercial environment kitchen. Chefs, cooks and food prep positions are responsible for many different kinds of foods including salads and soups to full out main dishes and desserts.



Some of the primary responsibilities of chefs and cooks are creating recipes and preparing meals for large numbers of people. Food preparation workers tasks involve getting the ingredients ready for the chefs and cooks, such as peeling vegetables, trimming meats, and ensuring cleanliness around the kitchen.

Chefs and cooks normally follow recipes that have been created by the establishment that they are employed by, or by following recipes that they have created themselves. An assortment of equipment is at a chefs disposal such as ovens, broilers, knives, pots and pans. Other duties of the head chefs or cooks is directing and managing the entire kitchen staff, estimating food supplies, inventory and ordering.

There are many niche areas that chefs may specialize in, such as soups, entrees or desserts. Some positions in larger kitchens are vegetable cooks, fry cooks and grill cooks. Executive chefs and head cooks organize and direct the kitchen that they are in charge of, so not only is a chef responsible for food management, but they must juggle the management of food along with the management of personnel.

There are a wide variety of positions for people who are interested in pursuing a cooking career. Institution cooks normally work in mass production type kitchens such as cafeterias, businesses, hospitals or schools, another sub niche specific to hospitals are nutritionists.

Restaurant cooks normally prepare food for smaller groups than institution cooks, and have the luxury of attention to detail on individual orders. Short order cooks are typically cooks that work in diners, and may fast food type restaurants. Private household cooks are normally hired by a family to prepare meals for the family on a set daily basis.

The type of food service establishment will determine in what direction of the food preparation field you would like to pursue as a career. Cooking careers are a very rewarding line of work that takes dedication and a love for cooking.

If you are interested in a cooking career, I suggest you sit down and write out on a piece of paper, your interests in cooking, try and define what sub niche in the cooking

industry that you are interested in pursuing, this will make a career path easier to map out once your mind is made up.

Careers in cooking will always be a stable form of employment. we all have to eat, and we always don't have the time to prepare meals ourselves, especially in the fast paced world that we live in today. It was not my intent to discourage those of you who are thinking of a cooking career, but rather to inform you to the true nature of this line of work versus cooking dinner for your family. A cooking career truly is a rewarding career and takes a person who is passionate about food.

11. ASPEN LODGE LOG PET BED

My dogs are always trying to climb up onto my bed! They are always fighting with me for the best part on the bed, and as they are so spoiled I always end up moving for them to lay down. And I have two of them so you can only imagine my dilemma!

I love my dogs, but I need to get them a proper bed of their own. I hear all the pros and cons of sleeping with your pets, but I am the one that needs a good night sleep so I need a dog bed



that will appeal to my fur-babies! I have a soft dog bed for them and a crate but have been looking for an elevated dog bed that could accommodate a Shiba or a Husky. The soft bed is older and lost its shape immediately, so I am looking for stronger/sturdier frame. I was looking at some plastic beds, but it didn't appeal to me, and I don't want my pets to chew on the plastic frame or ingest any plastic materials.

I like the rustic wooden "bed frame" for the dog bed. Makes it look so much neater than a box or wooden crate. The best part about this is the sturdy wooden frame that looks like it can hold a large dog with the bonus of being pet furniture that actually compliments my home decor. Also looks like it is thick enough to survive being chewed on as my pups sure like to chew!

This really would be the perfect gift for someone like me as I already have the elevated food dishes and this bed would allow for air to circulate so they won't get too hot with their fur. Plus I have two dogs, so I need to get two dog beds!

If you like to spoil your dogs as much as I do, feel free to check out this perfect dog-bed addition via Jhe's Real Log Furniture and the link below:

Source: Jhe's Real Log Furniture

Link: [Jhe's Real Log Furniture](#)

12. BEAUTIFUL HANDCRAFTED ASPEN LOG BED

If you have a large home with big rooms you may want to consider long furniture. For those that are log home owners, they are the obvious choice and candidates for this type of rustic appealing furnishings. But, that does not exclude other types of home owners. Let us have a look at the bed frame featured in this article. This type of furnishing is perfect also for mountain resort hotels, ranches and ski chalets.



The company responsible for its construction is All Mountain Woods Furniture. The history of the company starts with one man, Tim Saltonstall building his first piece of log furniture in 1973. From here the company was owned by the O'Connell's from 2001-2010, and then in 2011, the current owners Daryl and Maureen Joy took over the company. You have to love this type of industry as it is one that requires vision and innovation. Each piece is handcrafted by skilled craftsmen. The furniture is built with durability and when you consider each piece and look at the uniqueness of the logs used you will admire these pieces with respect.

The ambience that becomes a part of a room with log furnishings is one of comfort. You can have a contemporary room with a rustic feeling and enjoy the best of both worlds. The company is proud to offer green eco-friendly sustainable furniture. There is a large range of products offered with a variety of stains and finishes.

The company is located in Laramie WY. They work with several dealers in many U.S. and Canadian locations. These are leaders in the rustic furniture industry, so you know they will be accountable for their products. They specialize in custom work, and they promise to create products that will appeal to every taste and budget.

To see more photos and get details, please visit the 'Mountain Woods' website below.

Source: Mountain Woods Furniture

Link: [Mountain Woods Furniture](#)

13. BEDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

If I one day happened to become an incredibly successful millionaire, I would love to have a bed for every occasion. I mean, why not? It's just sort of logical. You need a bed. You need pretty things. You have occasions. What part of this doesn't make sense?

Everyone likes different things, every has different comfort levels, everyone has the right, nay, deserves the right to choose their own bed. It's like choosing a spouse. You need to be picky. You need to choose one with the personality that



compliments you perfectly. You need to choose one that can hold you, and you feel safe. You need to choose one that will always work to help you achieve your dreams and to keep you dreaming and dreaming forever. You need a bed that speaks to your soul. You need one that will sit with you through death, through life, through that two day binge on Netflix where you definitely watched more Glee than you will ever be proud of. Your bed is your soul mate that you can be with without having to hurt anyone ever. I mean, it's your bed. It's a committed relationship.

You've been through too many beds in your life time to have this bed not be the right bed for you. You are a busy person, you don't have time to fool around, you want to settle down. These beds are the perfect beds for just that. They are warm, kid-friendly, and they are stable. Oh, so very, very stable. What is sexier than stability? Next to nothing. Well, besides maybe a living human being. But this was never about human beings, this is about you and your bed. The perfect bed. I promise you your perfect bed is out there for you. Don't give up. You will find the perfect bed for every occasion.

Please visit the 'Reclaimed Barn Wood Furniture Reviews' website below to learn more about their beds.

Source: Reclaimed Barn Wood Furniture Reviews

Link: [Reclaimed Barn Wood Furniture Reviews](#)

14. AWESOME LOG BATH TUB

Liking many of your readers out there, I am a lover of the hot bath. I am also a lover of natural materials. When I saw this bathtub, my first and only thought was : heaven, so I decided to dig a bit deeper to see what kinds of wooden bathtubs are already out there built on the market and ready to be soaked in. (Not everything has to be DIY, when there are some fabulous builders already out there).



Wood has always been associated with style, longevity and essence. It has a natural 'feel and warmth' to it that not many other materials can hope for. There is a certain life that is brought to the object when it is hand crafted out of wood. A certain softness and character that makes each piece different and unique. Not all of the links and designers below specialize in hand crafted, but there a variety of wooden bath tub ideas that will give you something to dream about tonight.

First, is the wood tub from 'Teak Tubs' similar to the one in the image. It is made of solid teak blocks and is durable against heat, cold and humidity. It will stand up in and outdoors which is always a plus because it makes it like a one person hot tub.

Second, on my favorite list, is the Viaggi tub that has a luxurious and clean finish that is sleek and smooth. It is a deep tub perfect for soaking and cannot help but bring a luxurious feel to your bathroom.

Third, on my list, is the organic shaped wooden tub from Arteggiando Design. It is elegant and manly at the same time. The character of the wood is highlighted in the front and only improves as it gets wet.

The Ocean Shell Tub is next up, and although similar to the Viaggi in sleekness has a shape that some like even more. The one in this image has been placed on a bed of gravel so that it apparently does not overflow.

The last one I want to highly be the Hinoki wooden bathtub does not scream luxury, but makes for a fun family indoor tub.

To see more designs and links to the designers, visit the link below to "Home Tone".

Source: Home Tone

Link: [Home Tone](#)

15. FANTASTIC FREE LOG CABIN PLANS

Montana Log Homes are log homes with a difference, a handcrafted difference. Unlike milled or 'kit' homes, our log shells are individually crafted by skilled log smith's using chainsaws and traditional tools. Each full length log is cut, carved and then assembled together into the finished structure right here at our construction yard in Kalispell. By hand fitting each log separately we maintain a high degree of quality control throughout the entire log construction process.



Montana Log Homes also offers design and blueprint services to enable you to achieve the custom details that you want built into your home. From the planning stage to final reconstruction on your site, the experienced team at Montana Log Homes will give your project the attention you expect. Please take some time to browse through some of our floor plans.

Source: Montana Log Homes

Link: [Montana Log Homes](#)

16. GORGEOUS LOG CABIN FOR ONLY \$43,000

Cabins, for many reasons are becoming a trend these days. Aside from the fact that they are comfortable to live in, it is no doubt that they are also cost efficient. You will be surprised that buying or building a log home is not all that much more than buying or building a traditional house. Some log cabins can be bought as kits and you will see these more and more offered on eBay and other kit sites on the web.



In regards to the movable log homes, here is one particular cabin that you could easily purchase and have it automatically brought to your empty space or lot. This one from Ebay is a cabin that you could easily transfer to your open lot whenever you want to. It comes with a fireplace with different styles to choose from and it is also fully furnished. The price is \$ 42, 999.99 and it is not bad for a brand new house! You don't have to worry about all the labor and the materials because you will get it as it is the according to how it was advertised.

It has hidden wheels and it is classified as an RV so you can be free from paying property taxes. If you are in the mood to live off the grid, this is also a perfect shelter to make this dream a reality. You will get all the appliances that you need as soon as you order it. This cabin does not exceed 400 square meters to will qualify to be under the RV classification. The designers really did a great job to make it look bigger than you could imagine for a movable home. Check out Ebay and its link below to see more information about this product.

Source: Ebay

Link: [Ebay](#)

17. COOLEST LITTLE LOG CABIN EVER!

Step inside this amazingly spectacular home called "The Totems" featured in this awesome article on 'Small House Bliss'. The home was designed for people who live in British Columbia in the Coastal Mountain terrain by the architect Henry Yorke Mann. He did a fabulous job of executing such a traditional cabin feel with a natural vibe, and mixing it with a contemporary feel. The tall ceilings and open concept are such a beauty



to marvel at. The home was designed to tribute the spirit of the forest around it and the Haida Gwaii people who are the original tribe people who were to live on these lands and still do. The house features large contemporary versions of totem poles, which is why it is appropriately called "The Totems"!

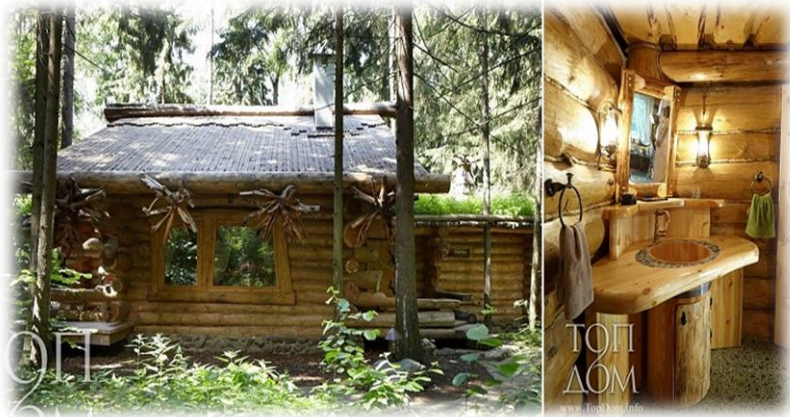
It is styled in the same design as the Haida peoples traditional plank houses, which in the article, you can follow a link to see more. This design features a long house with a central fire place as you would typically find in the Haida people's homes. Henry put in glass sky lights throughout the roof which makes for an amazing flow of light and would be beautiful to see the stars above at night. Apparently the couple moved out of their original larger home into this 400 square foot home. I don't blame them! What a gem of a home! I would definitely love to live here. Its very well planned out so that you have space for everything you need to put into a home. Plus the luxury of being right in nature, which is becoming more and more desirable to people as the years go on. Could you picture yourself living here? Once you see all the beautiful photos and how well everything is laid out, I think you will be contemplating possibly changing your permanent residence! Follow the link below to get to the "Small House Bliss" website and step inside "The Totems"!

Source: SMALL HOUSE BLISS

Link: [SMALL HOUSE BLISS](#)

18. AMAZING LOG COTTAGE

“What is the real best word to describe this log cottage?” The word I can find is amazing. That’s it, my friends. This amazing log cottage will give you that ‘amazing’ and ‘fairy tale’ feeling in the middle of the forest, but guys, we don’t want to remove that



word from the title, right? “Remove the word ‘amazing’? Why would that happen?” Here’s why: the mold removes the ‘A’; dusts fade out the ‘M’; ‘A’ is cracked by cracks, and the failure to clean the interior and exterior turns the ‘Z’ into ‘N’: a nightmare. That leaves your log cottage ING – ING-possible to be called ‘amazing’. Now, think again. You don’t like it like that, do you? Let me share with you some tips on how to maintain your log cottage.

Molds can threaten the wonderful view of your log cottage. As stated in Lake Home and Cabin Home website, molds develop in slightly wet, shady and warm areas. Whether your log home is located near a water source or up in the mountain, it’s not free from mold. The best way to fight mold is “by ventilating the air by opening the windows and keeping the temperatures low and the area dry.” However, during the winter season, this may not be the best solution. To prepare your amazing log cottage, Lake Home and Cabin Home suggests, “Always have in hand a bottle of bleach. Mix one part of it with four parts clear water and wash the logs. If you are afraid that you can ruin the shiny finish, use vinegar instead. It’s advisable to put one coat of wood polish a day or two after the logs cleaning.”

Dust is another predicament. Log homes will always be prone to this, especially those crevices between the wood logs. How to prevent those dusts? “You can prevent it by applying an appropriate finish. Stain the logs and then use a sealer on both the inside and outside. It doesn’t mean that from now on you will not need to dust off anymore, but it will surely make your job less complicated.” And that’s how we fight them, my friend. *winks*

Another problem here is the cracks. The solution? No other than repairing, pal. There are some ways on how to do this. For now, I can only give you some tips before repairing it from Craig Samuel, a contributor from eHow. “Be sure the cracked area is fully dried before beginning any repairs to avoid trapping moisture inside the crack. Make the repairs when rain is not forecast for several days to promote even drying.”

The interior and exterior SHOULD be cleaned. For the exterior, you may use the power washer. However, cob or sand blasting is much better because they offer more benefits. For the interior, “you need to adapt your cleaning routine to the specifics of your cabin. You should take into account the type of wood and how it was conditioned.”

Now, to view this amazing log cottage, click on Goods Home Design link below.

Source: Goods Home Design

Link: [Goods Home Design](#)

19. A PLACE MORK FROM ORK WOULD FEEL AT HOME

In case you are still not aware, but I believe it is safe to say that we are currently living in the future. Yes, we are in the era that was once just imagined by filmmakers who created back to the Future, Wall-E and the 70's sitcom Mork and Mindy. To prove that, allow us to share with you this type of shelter that will convince you to also conclude that indeed, you are already experiencing the future.



Today, we would like to feature these egg-shaped capsules that are surprisingly livable despite its small size. They were designed by Yoon Space + Song Pyung, a studio and design company based in Korea. These uniquely shaped pods are called Albang and can be seen on Seoul's Ocean Beach. The designers intended that its interiors are empty, because this makes them different from the usual ambiance that hotels and tents are offering. It is definitely not something you would say is typical and you will assuredly have a unique experience staying in one of these capsules.

Since it is small and made of lightweight materials, these pods can be transported from one place to another. It is made mostly of expanded polystyrene, so that makes them mouldable.

Its exterior finish is made of extruded polystyrene and so is its interior. It may not be perfect to make it look good, but this material makes these pods functional and efficient. You don't have to worry about getting air while in it because the designers created a couple small windows that will also allow you see the gorgeous view outside. All the Albang pods have the same shape and size; they only differ when it comes to the color of their doors and the surface of their interiors.

To know more about these futuristic capsules, check out the website "Humble Homes" below.

Source: Humble Homes

Link: [Humble Homes](#)

20. COB MEDITATION SANCTUARY AT HOLLYHOCK

In a world of chaos and confusion where everything doesn't seem to make sense, you will need to pause and meditate to find your centre. This will enlighten you and give you the right energy to face the world again. But it will be hard to even focus on that if you're in a place that doesn't permit you to experience such peace and serenity. You will



need to consider going somewhere that would cater to your much-needed silence to concentrate. One of the best venues to do this is at Hollyhock on Cortes Island in Canada. It is a facility specially designed for an individual or group to meditate and just focus on their spirituality. They have cob houses and other sanctuaries that will satisfy your needs in this matter.

They have this particular cob house that looks very appealing from the minute you see its entrance transition. It is rather unique because it gradually shifts to taking you from a public space to the private space of the house. It is so cozy and inviting inside that you will instantly feel at home and relaxed. The ambiance outside will also get you in a very spiritual mood should you decide to take your meditation outdoors.

It will be an exciting journey to embark with, and it's a trip that you will never forget. Cob houses are ideal for the purpose of recreation and meditation, especially this one that Hollyhock has built for their patrons. The lighting is very conducive for meditation, and the whole design and setup were impeccably arranged to help you focus and keep your thoughts organized. This little house will help you unwind and release all the stress you had from your daily life.

To know more about this amazing cob meditation house visit the Circles of Light website below and tell your friends about it too.

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