

COUNTRY LIVING



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1. MANUFACTURED LOG HOMES ARE AUTHENTIC LOG HOMES

There exists much debate in the log home industry about the authenticity of manufactured log homes compared to traditional hand-hewn log homes. Some proponents of the hand cut log home school (and these are generally craftsmen who hand-cut logs and are experts in full-log custom construction techniques) will argue that a log house built using milled log is not an authentic log home. The majority of log home

owner, who coincidentally own manufactured log homes, would likely argue otherwise. So, at this point you may be asking what are the main differences between hand-cut log homes and milled or manufactured log homes. The fundamental difference between hand-cut and machine-cut log homes is that whole logs are used in handcrafted log structures. Machine-cut log homes are constructed with material that



has been cut, planned and milled to create uniformity among the pieces. Some say this process removes most of the natural characteristics of the logs (which give the logs character). The hallmark of handcrafted log structures is the use of full length logs to build the walls. Machine-cut log structures may have butted joints within their walls.

In reality, the majority of log homes built today use manufactured or milled logs. If you were to ask any of the tens of thousands of manufactured log home owners if their home lacks the character or charm of a hand-cut log home, most would laugh hysterically and affirm their manufactured log home is every bit as rustic, charming and authentic as a hand-cut log home.

There are several very good reasons for the rise in popularity of milled or manufactured log homes. Probably the most important of which is affordability. Skilled craftsmen don't come cheap. And unless you plan on falling your own logs, hand peeling them yourself and fitting all the logs together; this is time consuming, detailed and expensive work. There is a definite cost associated with this method of construction. Additionally, use of whole log means paying a premium for sufficiently large logs to do the job.

Today's technology has made the milling process much more reproducible and economical. In the end, it comes down to personal preferences and budgetary considerations. And inevitably, if budget is a concern, milled logs can offer a very economical alternative. Remember this: When guests, friends and family come to visit your manufactured log home, most will comment on what a nice, charming log home you have and very few will comment that it's too bad you didn't go with hand-cut logs.

2. CUSTOM LOG HOME DESIGN IDEAS

Custom log home design ideas can be used to help create the dream log home you've always wanted. Perhaps you have some custom log home design ideas on paper as you've been collecting design ideas. That's a great way to plan and organize your ideas, by making a scrapbook of the things you may want in your log home design. Here are some tips for custom designing your log home:



1. **Explore and Select Your Log Home**

Style - select the log home style that you really want and like, a style that excites you. Will you prefer the manufactured or

handcrafted log home style? Manufactured log homes are made with logs that are milled into a desired shape, producing uniform logs without taper. The logs used generally range in length from 10 to 18 feet. A custom log home design using manufactured logs can vary considerably in shape and appearance because the logs have different shapes and there are different corner styles. You can obtain kits ranging from just the logs and fasteners to more complete systems that include the roofing materials, doors, windows and even more.

A handcrafted custom log home design means handcrafters will strip the bark off of whole logs. Using special skills and tools, the handcrafter will fit each log into place. Handcrafted custom log home design and construction is labor intensive, and the construction process takes longer and usually costs more since so much work is done manually. This method attempts to preserve the natural shape of the tree, and each log is carefully trimmed and shaped for a specific location in the log shell. The logs may be assembled at the company's yard, the pieces are numbered, taken apart and shipped to the home site to be reassembled.

2. **Visualize Home Traffic Flow** - a good way to create a custom log home design is to take floor plans you like and pretend you're coming home, entering and moving around in the home. Come in the front door -- where will you place your coat? What do you see in front of you as you enter? Which way to the kitchen and pantry if you are carrying groceries? Visualize sitting in the living room or family room. Will you be entertaining guests? Is having a fireplace high on your list of priorities? Try to note where the bathroom or bathrooms are located. As you finish your shower, where are the towels hanging?

Another helpful exercise when visualizing custom log home design is to examine the things that you like about where you live now. What things would you like to keep and what are things you'd like to change and have in your new home? For example, perhaps you'll want a much larger kitchen. Pay special attention to the kitchen work triangle -- the distance between the sink, refrigerator and range or cooktop. Each one of these

areas becomes a focal point in the kitchen and forms the three points of a triangle with different distances between them. Done correctly, proper custom log home design in the kitchen gives you the most efficient food preparation area layout. Walk through each room of the floor plan and see how the room feels and functions and how its location seems in relation to other rooms.

3. **Plan Your Home Orientation and Layout** - when creating a custom log home design, pay attention to your site and how the orientation of individual rooms will be done. Locate the bedrooms towards the cooler, nighttime north. Place your kitchen facing the east to catch the early morning sun. The living room and recreational room can have a kind of transitional orientation, facing the warm noon south sun. And the dining area can be oriented towards the late afternoon western sun. Natural light, window placement, orientation and views are powerful positive factors in human health and the comfort of your new home.

A great way to learn custom log home design ideas is to view log home plans that have been successfully built already. Use the speed of the internet to view plans, plans that you enjoy. Every plan that you review can give you custom log home design ideas that you had not thought of. Instead of trying to create brand new plans from scratch, you can save considerable time and money if you can find great plans that have already been built successfully somewhere. This means the plans will work. Just be sure the plans service can make the changes to the plans so they become exactly what you want. That way, you really can create the custom log home design that will provide you many years of enjoyment.

3. OFF-GRID ELECTRICITY

Off grid electricity refers to the electricity generated from off the grid power sources like wind energy and solar energy. Off the grid energy sources are fast becoming popular with consumers who are realizing the manifold advantages of using a off grid power generator at home and saving buckets of money both in the short term and in the long term. All that is required is to make some initial investment about off the grid power sources, which are going to generate dividends in the future. What more, the government too is encouraging the use of off grid electricity and is allowing tax credits and rebates for investments made in the off grid energy sector.



For starting with off grid electricity, however, you should adopt a planned approach. The off grid energy or renewable energy primarily refers to the solar powered energy systems that you can install at your home. Other off grid methods that are used for going off grid are wind electric system (by installing a small windmill at home) and micro hydropower systems if you have access to a constant running water supply.

Hybrid off grid power systems are also being widely used for the purpose. Hybrid power systems generally refer to the combination of solar panels and the wind turbines to generate electricity at your home. Off grid electricity is especially economically viable in remote areas where it is actually more expensive to extend a power line to the electricity grid than to install an off grid power system like the solar energy system. Moreover, many people are also choosing to go off grid power systems, because the process is appealing to the environmental values of the individual who is feeling committed to do his bit to relieve the environment of the load of a conventional coal or petroleum powered power system. You can start with the off grid system by simply purchasing a solar panel for your home after making the required calculations about how much solar panel would you need to run the electrical appliances at your home.

In most cases, off-grid electricity won't be cheaper than the one you can buy from the grid. There is one significant exception, though. If your homestead is located far from the nearest electrical pole, you would have to spend much money to connect it to the national grid. Because of that, the investment in the alternative energy sources would be a wise idea.

4. THE WOODWORKING BENCH - THINGS ONE MUST KNOW

There are several kinds of woodworking tools that are made use of while carving different things out from wood. Some of the most important ones are Woodworking Lathe, Woodworking router, woodworking saws and many more. Now that you are quite inquisitive about all these tools, why don't you catch a small glimpse of the information that is available for such tools?



Woodworking Lathe: Used for Knurling, woodturning, metal spinning, glass working and metal working, Woodworking Lathe is a key woodworking machine tool. It is also widely used in shaping potteries. Things like baseball bats, table legs, crankshafts, musical instruments and cue sticks are made using a woodworking lathe. The woodworking lathe is a

unique woodworking tool because unlike many other woodworking processes, the wood spins while the tool remains mostly stationary. The woodworking lathe may come in a variety of styles and sizes, but most lathes are either smaller tabletop lathes, or larger freestanding lathes with their own legs that can be bolted to the floor.

Woodworking Router: Used for hollowing a piece of wood, woodworking router is more often used by stair case makers and pattern makers. Also named as Old Woman's Tooth, it has a narrow blade and wooden hand plane attached to it. Varied types and forms of routers are available today. For being able to use a woodworking router, the worker must be experienced and proficient in handling it. This is because, routing is a very fast process and it includes various risky jobs like trimming and cutting of wood. The keys to good router woodworking are skills in material prep, layout, measurement, setup and router-control. 80% of all router woodworking can be done on the router table; some guys do "it" all on the table, others are convinced that hand router woodworking is all they need. To be sure, there are times when one method is preferred over the other. Whatever the case, it makes good practical sense to have at least one router table.

Along with these tools, a worker must learn how to make the best use of their woodworking bench. Woodworking benches are a very crucial part of woodworking. In hand woodworking, such woodworking tools, woodworking benches and woodworking designs holds key importance. Hand working requires proficiency in the usage of tools and off course mastery in this very art of woodworking. Two things distinguish a woodworking bench: It has at least one vise, and it has at least one row of dog holes (either square or round) along the front edge. The presence of these two items transforms a table into a big, versatile clamp. A woodworking bench is optimized for using hand tools like planes, chisels, and saws. It offers a variety of ways to hold and support the work at hand.

For being able to crate and carve complex woodworking designs, a workers proficiency and experience is a must. For example, a naive woodworker will not be able to design a loft bed plan without any assistance from an experienced woodworker. This is because such designs require perfection and only veterans can make impeccable designs for the same. Woodworking is very often used in loft bed plan designs.

Every novice woodworker must understand the intricacies and importance of all the details that are mentioned here. These basics will certainly help you in going a long way in this field.

5. THE HOBBY OF WOODWORKING

Woodworking is the art or expertise of creating things out of wood. It is depicted in many earliest Egyptian drawings. It is now a broad designation covering a wide array of skills and techniques. And it is a craft that has evolved over centuries. Woodworking can be unsafe. Injuries are always a possibility in a woodworking center. And it can be Expensive. Good, high-featured tools are costly, but they are a long-lasting investment.



Woodworking is an admirable skill with a history that stretches back to antiquity. It is more than just building things with your hands; it becomes a means of expressing your creativity. Woodworking is a great way to introduce a child to new skills and new ways of thinking about the objects around them and how they were produced. It is an art, while it seems to come easy for carpenters to build other people's stuff, most people have a hard time building even a simple box-type cabinet. Woodworking is a great hobby that doesn't require a big set up, but it's always a good idea to take stock of your surroundings for safety and security.

The most important step in using a band saw in woodworking is the blade adjustment and tension. Another tip for using the band saw in woodworking is to use the widest blade workable for the cut you are making - this will lessen the possibility of rupture. The most important rule of woodworking is to always wear safety glasses, no matter what task you're performing in the workshop. If you like working with your hands, woodworking is a good hobby for you. One process to learn woodworking is to make the same project over and over until you are pleased with the outcome. Woodworking seems to be a lifestyle, not just a hobby. Today, woodworking is a popular hobby and an important industry.

Having the proper tools is the key whether your woodworking is for hobby or your profession. However, woodworking is a collection of skills that are refined by practice. The type of dimensioning that will be most applicable to woodworking is known as Basic Dimensioning. A good example of tolerances useful to woodworking is in dimensioning an assembly and panel door. Woodworking is involved in the creation of fine wood products.

One of the intriguing aspects of woodworking is the diversity of technique that can be applied to virtually any project. As always, the true common ground in woodworking is producing good work and doing it safely. Quiet woodworking is done with hand tools, calmly and thoughtfully at your own speed.

For some, woodworking is still a means of making a living, but for many, it is a fun and rewarding hobby. In addition, taking on projects that are too complex or trying to work with inadequate tools can also start beginners to choose that woodworking is not for them.

There are at least three forms of measuring and math understanding required: for example carbide is measured in cubic millimeters of material removed in making cutting tools; stone and concrete cutting and sanding in terms of inches per minute feed rates. Woodworking is discussed in terms of cubic yards per minute of material removed and thousands of feet per minute feed rates using saw tables lathes and other tools. These technical terms appear more complicated than they really are. Yet these applications are necessary to woodworking and are not simple matters.

If you are still in the contemplation phase, wondering if woodworking is something that might be of interest to you, then browse online for sites related to this interesting hobby that often becomes a way of life for those who partake in it. For many people, woodworking is a hobby, but it is a hobby that can even turn into a business. We all know that woodworking is a continual education experience, and that the best way to advance is to perform. It's a love, an art, and a skill developed over time. Start small. Keep listening to what other people who have been at it for a while have to communicate. Guidance and schooling in woodworking is crucial.

6. WHAT IS HOMESTEADING?

The practice of homesteading is once again gaining popularity both in America and in the U.K. Homesteading goes by several names; farming, simple living, self-sufficient life, independent living, back-to-basics, and more. But what really is homesteading? And why are so many people interested in starting their own homesteads no matter how small their home or how little property they have?

The Homestead Act Of 1862

President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act in May of 1862. This act allowed for anyone who had never taken up arms against the U.S. government could file an application for 160 acres of land outside the original 13 states. There were a few requirements such as the applicant had to improve the land and work it for at least five years. If all the requirements were met, the applicant got the land for free. Hence the term homestead came to refer to a parcel of land someone had taken ownership of through the Homestead Act. The law was reversed in 1976 for most of the United States with the exception of Alaska which still allowed people to apply for up to 80 acres of land. Alaska eventually ceased giving out land too and no one has been able to get free land since 1988.

Modern Definition Of Homesteading

Today homesteading has come to mean any home that practices the same skills found on those early homesteads such as growing food, keeping livestock, canning, drying and preserving food, and producing basic furniture and clothing at home. Many times you will hear someone describe the way they live as "simple" or "basic" and what they are really talking about is homesteading. What you may think of as the typical small family farm is the most common usage of the word homestead today.

Why Practice Homesteading Today?

It is no secret that the economy is in pretty bad shape. Financial experts and politicians have all sorts of statistics and graphs to show us that it isn't as bad as we *know* it is. However none of that means anything when we go to the grocery store and find that milk prices are up *again* and we can't afford to eat meat every night anymore. Homesteading is a way of getting back to basics and remembering the difference between needs and wants. It helps you relearn how to take care of yourself and believe me when things go from bad to worse, you'll be glad of your self reliance. So homesteading saves you money and teaches you how to survive through tough times. It also gives you a sense of accomplishment that is hard to beat.

What Should I Do First?

The first thing you should do if you are thinking about turning your home into a homestead is research. Visit websites, read articles and books on the subject. Plan to do a lot of planning before you do anything else. And don't worry about having enough space or buying the right supplies, there are plenty of people who grow food on their apartment balconies and quilt on

7. THE SECRETS OF FLORIDA HOMESTEAD

One of the biggest advantages of becoming a resident of Florida is the Homestead Exemption. Not only do Florida residents get up to a \$50,000 exemption in the value of their property for determining property taxes, the homestead property is also exempt from the claims of creditors. We'll explore both of these features in this article and learn how to qualify and apply for the exemption.

The Homestead Tax Exemption.

The first benefit of being a resident of Florida and owning homestead property is the homestead tax exemption. Every county in Florida levies an ad valorem property tax on all real property in the county. This tax is calculated by multiplying the taxable value of the property (as determined by the county property appraiser) by the millage rate (as determined by the local taxing authorities such as the county commission, city council, school board and special taxing districts). The homestead exemption reduces the taxable value of your homestead property by \$25,000, resulting in a reduction of ad valorem taxes on your home. In January, 2008, the citizens of Florida approved Amendment 1 to its state constitution and created an additional homestead exemption of \$25,000 to lower the taxable value of homestead property for all taxes except those levied by school districts. The exemption applies on the assessed value of the homestead property that exceeds \$50,000. This means that, if the just valuation of your homestead property is \$100,000, the first \$25,000 of value and the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000 would be exempt from taxes. However, the value between \$50,000 and \$75,000 would still be used to determine the amount of school tax.

Also, no matter how much your property appreciates in value, the taxable value of the property used to determine the property tax can never increase by more than 3 percent each year.

Qualifying For the Homestead Tax Exemption.

In order to qualify for the homestead tax exemption you must be an individual, who as of January 1 of the year for which you are filing, must be a permanent resident of Florida, must own and occupy the property as your permanent residence, and must hold title or beneficial interest to the property.

The first of the year date is important. If you move into the house on January 2, meet every other qualification, and spend every moment for the rest of the year in the home, you will not be entitled to the homestead tax exemption. You have to be living there on January 1.

Applying For the Homestead Tax Exemption.

If, as of January 1, you meet the qualifications listed above, you may apply for homestead exemption at the property appraiser's office in your county. The property appraiser will provide a form for you to complete. You must sign the application form in person at the appraiser's office. The application must be filed no later than March 1 of the year for which the exemption applies. All persons named on the deed of the property must sign the application, except in the case of husband and wife where only one signature is required. When applying for homestead exemption, each of you must provide proof of ownership of the property and proof of Florida residency.

1. **Proof of Ownership.** Any of the following items can be presented to show proof of ownership of the property: Deed to the Property (must be recorded in the public records of the county at the time of application), Property Tax Bill, Title Insurance, Contract for Deed, Cooperative Proprietary Lease, Certified Copy of Last Will and Testament (showing that the property was devised to you).

2. **Proof of Residency.** To show evidence of your Florida residency, you can furnish a valid Florida driver's license or Florida identification card (with the date of issuance on or before January 1) and one or more of the following items: Florida vehicle registration, Declaration of Domicile dated prior to January 1, previous year's filing of your federal income tax return showing a Florida address. If you are a resident alien, a permanent visa card or a temporary visa card with official assurance that permanent residence status is approved must be presented.

Protection From Creditors.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the Florida homestead law is its protection from forced sale by creditors.

Quite simply, this means that a Florida resident's homestead is exempt from creditor's claims. Therefore, if you are at fault in an automobile accident, are sued, and a judgment is entered against you, your creditors could not force you to sell your homestead to pay the judgment. Also, the judgment would not become a lien against the homestead property as it would against any other real estate you own.

There are, however, exceptions to the exemption. Liens for ad valorem property taxes and assessments are enforceable against the homestead. Any liens which you voluntarily place against your homestead, such as mortgages, are enforceable. A foreclosure of a mortgage is not a prohibited forced sale under the law. Likewise, liens for improvements made to or repairs made on your homestead are not exempted. Therefore, construction liens (discussed in Chapter 9) are enforceable against your homestead property. Other liens which are not affected by the homestead exemption are code enforcement liens and federal tax liens.

Florida is one of just a few states which allow an unlimited amount for its homestead exemption. It was established in its early years as a state to draw people as residents and to protect families from being rendered homeless in bad financial times. Lately the exemption has been heavily criticized, with the critics claiming that abuses have enabled debtors to declare bankruptcy, and use the homestead exemption to continue to enjoy a life of luxury while their creditors get little or nothing. Some examples that they cite are actor, Burt Reynolds, who declared bankruptcy in 1996, claiming more than ten million dollars in debt. Reynolds was able to keep his \$2.5 million estate, named "Valhalla," while his creditors reportedly received only 20 cents on the dollar. Paul Bilzerian has been able to avoid payment of \$200 million owed to his creditors while using the Florida homestead exemption to keep his \$5 million dollar home. And of course, most people are aware that O.J. Simpson moved to Florida and purchased a home which was protected from the \$33.5 million civil judgment against him over the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend.

Proponents of the homestead exemption point out that despite the outrageousness of some of the abuses, they are a tiny fraction of the bankruptcy filings and the homestead exemption is needed to help people who truly need the protection, such as retirees who become overwhelmed with medical bills or young families who run up too much credit card debt.

8. GREEN DIY ENERGY - REVIEW OF THE FACTS

Green DIY Energy is one of the many DIY solar panel guides available for the home diyer who is looking to save money on his or her electric bill and go "green" at the same time. It is a great project that thousands of DIYers across the country have completed and are reaping the monetary benefits from.

Making your own solar panels really isn't that complicated of a process. You must purchase some photovoltaic cells, wire them together and then mount them someplace where they will be in the sunlight for at least 6 - 8 hours each day.



Here is the review of the facts:

1. making a DIY solar energy system is possible
2. The panels will save you money
3. Unless you build a very large system, you will still have to get some electricity from the power grid.
4. There are many DIY solar panel guides that walk you through the construction process step-by-step

Another good option for renewable energy is to build your own wind turbine. This actually creates more electricity than solar panels as long as you have the turbine someplace where it is getting a good amount of wind each day.

If you are interested in building your own renewable energy system there are a couple things you should keep in mind.

1. If you don't have a lot of experience with construction and electrical wiring, I would recommend purchasing a DIY solar panel guide (most cost about \$50), because they really simplify the construction process and will save you some headaches. But if you do have some good construction and electrical experience, don't bother buying a guide, I'm sure you know what would need to be done.
2. If you do end up deciding to purchase a DIY guide, look for one that comes with some nice tutorial videos. The videos are what really helped me, and some guides have them, some guides don't. So look for a guide that comes with the videos.

Whatever you decide to do, enjoy going "green" and building your own DIY renewable energy system! It is a great project that the whole family can get in on. You'll soon be saving plenty of money off of your energy bill and doing Mother Earth a big favor at the same time, by reducing your carbon emissions. You won't regret it!

9. BUYING A DIY CONSERVATORY

So you've decided to add a new conservatory to your home and are joining the growing number of people who have realised the most economical route is to buy a DIY conservatory and either build it yourself or employ a local builder to build it for you. Assuming you have already decided on the style and size of the conservatory all you have to do now is make a decision as to which DIY conservatory to buy.

It sounds simple enough but if your knowledge of conservatories is limited to what style will look good on your house and you are, like most people, searching the internet for the best deal the choice available could prove daunting and confusing. There is an almost endless choice of conservatory specifications for you to choose from ranging from low budget conservatories to high specification models and it is important not to simply look for a cheap DIY conservatory but one that will suit your specific requirements.

Using the search terms of DIY conservatory or self build conservatories in your favourite search engine is likely to return hundreds of thousands of links to DIY conservatory supplier sites plus many sponsored or paid for links which will probably direct you to auction sites as well. Research shows that most users don't click back further than the first three pages of results but this will still give you around 30 different DIY conservatory supplier sites to look at and all will have different product specifications and different prices. So how do you make the right buying decision?

Obviously you will want to get the best value for money you can but going for a cheap DIY conservatory may not be the best choice depending on what you intend to use the conservatory for and whether you want it to be a year round extension to your home.

After all, the conservatory will be a permanent fixture on your property for many years to come and there are a lot of other design features that need to be taken into consideration. To put it another way, buying the cheapest conservatory now may seem like a great bargain but once installed, you will have to live with it until you decide to move on.

There are essentially two main routes to buying a self build conservatory:

DIY SUPERSTORES

Some of the search engine links will take you to the online sites of some of the major DIY superstores where you will be able to view their offerings which will normally be standard size models with minimum specifications designed to keep the price down. They will probably be quite basic in terms of design and limited in the number of options (if any) available. Opening vents and doors may be fitted with basic locking systems, you will probably be limited to a 16mm or 25mm polycarbonate roof in one finish and the double glazing is likely to be standard glass with no heat retention properties.

The fact is that these DIY conservatories are specifically made for the superstores where price is king and specification comes second. The components are usually sourced in bulk from developing countries where costs are very low which normally means they will be made from standard size windows and doors that simply lock together using frame connectors. This keeps the price down and whilst it does simplify installation, using a connector between each single window module does increase the sightline and reduce the glass area. The PVCu frame may only be 60mm deep and the windows and door will probably feature an external glazing bead which could allow the glass to be removed from the outside.

This type of product would not generally be offered by any respectable local home improvement installer because the specification is dated and the finished product would not have a quality feel and appearance.

Buying a DIY conservatory from a superstore does however have the advantage that you will probably be able to view a sample conservatory in their showroom although you may find it difficult to find anyone who will be able to discuss the project with you in any detail due to the thousands of different products these stores sell. It is simply a catalogue number to them which may come complete with a telephone help line.

Having said that, DIY superstores sell a huge number of self build conservatories every year and if you are on a very tight budget and are prepared to accept the lower specification you should be able to find a decent size DIY conservatory for less than £2,000.

SPECIALIST DIY CONSERVATORY SUPPLIER

The majority of your internet search results will contain links to dedicated DIY conservatory suppliers who specialise in supply only conservatories for the self build customer. These conservatories will usually be made to order and the specification will be much higher. As the product is made to order the options available to you will be much greater and will include extras like decorative glass and solar control roof glazing.

The PVCu frame will usually be 70mm deep which increases the structural integrity of the conservatory and the windows and doors will probably be internally glazed which prevents the glass from being removed from the outside.

Using a conservatory supplier who only supplies to the DIY market will ensure that you get all the assistance and advice you need from a conservatory supplier who knows what is needed and will provide base plans and installation instructions to make your installation as easy as possible.

Like any other purchase, you will only get what you pay for and it is important to consider the main requirements to ensure you buy a high quality self build conservatory:

- 70mm PVCu Windows & Door
- Internally Glazed for security
- 28mm Sealed Units preferably using heat retaining glass
- Minimum frame connectors to ensure traditional sightlines
- High security locking
- High specification conservatory roof system
- 35mm Polycarbonate roof glazing

Options worth considering are:

- Decorative glass fanlights
- Solar control glass roof
- Roof vents with rain sensor control
- Air conditioning unit

A new conservatory is proven to add value to your home, just how much will depend on the quality of the product and the usability of the conservatory throughout the year.

Saving a few hundred pounds on the cost of your self build conservatory now may be tempting but if the conservatory doesn't retain heat in the winter or is like a sauna in the summer the amount of time you will be able to spend in it will be greatly reduced.

Always aim for the best specification you can afford rather than the cheapest DIY conservatory you can find to ensure that you will be able to get the maximum use of the conservatory throughout the year and remember that ultimately the higher the specification, the more desirable your property will be when you come to sell.

10. A BIGGER TREND - THE TINY HOUSE

"**R**evolution" is a strong and powerful word. It certainly is more powerful than the word "trend." Not so long ago the word "downsizing" was used to describe an extended period of extreme job loss that changed the lives of many and dashed the dreams of home ownership for others. From 2008 to 2010 there was an increased awareness of American consumer habits as a result of the downturn in the economic climate that identified habits to live life LARGE including indulgence in super sized beverages, servings of French fries and even more importantly building "McMansions" that were far from modest homes. A large percentage of those homes with extreme amenities are now assets or liabilities of bank portfolios.



Historically, periods of economic hardship have resulted in success stories for large and small corporations alike. Companies that offer tiny houses may be the next great success stories on the "timeline" of our country. Without a doubt, this concept offers great spaces in great places. These homes are a creative and innovative alternative to traditional home ownership amidst a changed economic climate and a distressed housing market. Tiny houses offer alternatives to paying high rent and are portable which alleviates the red tape of building codes and permits.

Tiny houses are generally built to include 50 to 750 square feet and come complete with all of the necessary features of a comfortable home including portable heating and air conditioning. Thanks to portable climate control, homeowners of tiny houses can even have outdoor pet houses and not have to worry about their pets acquiring heat or cold related illnesses. Tiny homes do not have unused hallway spaces and promote a more "Earth Friendly" lifestyle. Tiny houses are also a great option for those who may be seeking a cabin or a "second home" away from the hustle and bustle of life. Hallways in tiny houses can be utilized for storage spaces and homes are complete with a designer feel and look much like modern day homes. The benefits of living in tiny houses are numerous and include:

- No or low mortgage payments
- A significant decrease in monthly utility bills
- The possibility of "off-grid" living

- More choices in where a person would like to live (think rural versus urban)
- Feeling a greater sense of control over one's finances, regardless of what's happening on the "national/global" scene
- The ability to add a rental property for additional income for a fraction of the cost of new building construction
- A lifestyle based upon simplicity, rather than complexity

After giving the "tiny house" concept some consideration, many may ponder this question "if my home is smaller, if I have less material items, can my house still be a home?" Is "keeping up with the Joneses" more important than focusing on our passions and dreams? More than likely the answer to both of these questions will be a resounding "yes." After all, haven't we all noticed an increased trend in restaurants offering Tapas and "mini desserts" to eager consumers?

11. REASONS TO BUY A TINY HOUSE

Want to simplify your life? Want to lower your monthly expenses? Want to reduce your dependency on your job? Tiny houses may be the answer for you and your family.

Below is the list of the many benefits of owning a tiny home. Here we go...

Less initial cost

A tiny house is obviously smaller than a traditional home. There are less materials and the labor required to build it because of its size. Since tiny homes often have most of the features a traditional house has (kitchen, plumbing, roof, flooring) the price per square foot is usually more expensive. But since overall size of the house is so much smaller, the overall price is only a fraction of traditional homes.

Less energy consumption

Tiny homes require much less energy to heat and cool simply because they have much less interior air space. Since many tiny homes are on wheels, a tiny house owner could move their house under a large tree in the summer, and out into the sun during the winter. Two additional culprits for significant energy consumption are refrigerators and hot water heaters. Both are typically smaller in a tiny house and consume far less energy. Another use of energy is your own energy. It doesn't take long to tidy up a very small dwelling. I have seen folks who have been very creative with reducing their tiny house's energy consumption and making use of the fact that their home is very small. Solar panels, wood stoves, wind turbines, compost toilets, the list goes on and on.

Less water consumption and trash

If you have a small shower and small hot water heater, chances are your showers will be a lot shorter. If you have a small trash can, chances are you will generate less trash. Using less water and producing less trash is both good for environment and your wallet.

Less cost for repairs

Repair costs for your tiny home are simply a matter of mathematics. The cost to replace the roof of a 2,000 square foot home will be a lot less than the cost of a 300 square foot home. This is of course because of the reduction in materials and labor.

Less land to purchase and upkeep

A small dwelling will require less land to reside on. Since many cities have restrictions on the size a home can be, you may be required to purchase land outside the city with no restrictions. Land outside the city is cheaper to purchase and the taxes are less. If you

elect to buy a very small plot of land that your house will reside on, you'll spend less time cutting grass. If you buy a regular sized lot, you'll have more room your garden.

Less food

If you have a small pantry, you'll have a small amount of food in your house. If you can look through your kitchen window and see fresh vegetables growing in it, you'll spend less produce. By eating less food in your tiny house, you'll keep your food bill and weight down.

Less taxes

Since the value of your tiny home and land it resides on is less valuable (assuming you choose to buy your land rather than lease) your tax bill will be less. The savings can go towards investments, retirement, college for your children, vacations, or donations to tinyhouselistings.com:-)

Less insurance

Insurance for your home can add up quickly, especially when it comes time to use it. Tiny houses cost much less to insure because they are less valuable. Many insurance companies consider tiny houses on wheels to be an RV. Since insurance companies aren't non profits and are in business to make money, you will often have difficulty getting the money from them. By owning a tiny house you can minimize the amount you give to them in the first place.

Less interest paid

When I bought my first house, initially I was paying more towards interest than the principle. It's no secret that over the course of a 30 year loan, you will pay more for interest than you will the house itself. Most tiny house owners elect to pay cash for their tiny house, or to pay it off quickly. The amount you save by avoiding interest will ultimately be a huge amount. More than enough to buy the in-laws a tiny house and have it located on the back (way back) of your property.

More disposable income

All of the above reasons listed for buying a tiny house have been focused on "less". Less consumption, less money out of pocket. All of this leads to having more money in the bank at your disposal. If you write a list of your recurring expenses, you'll quickly realize that costs associated with your home represent the majority of your expenses. By owning and living in a tiny house, you are slashing your living expenses at every level.

More freedom

When you own and live in a small house, you free up your two most precious resources, money and time, not to mention some of Earth's most precious resources...water and energy. Does your current standard of living prevent you from working at the job you

want? Does it prevent you from going on vacations and taking time off when you like? Do you have to sacrifice spending time doing exactly what you want simply to pay your bills? Are you worried about the Earth and environment and leaving it in good shape for those that follow us? By living in a tiny house, you free up money by cutting expenses in a big way. You use less natural resources. You free up time by spending less of it cleaning and maintaining your home. You trade square feet for freedom.

12. COUNTRY LIVING GARDENING - TIPS AND METHODS

Country living gardening is loveliest of the experience you will derive from your gardening hobby or profession. Country sides either are rich in greenery or you will see some vast piece of barren land. However, in any case you have advantage of free space and ample of natural environment for your country living gardening methods.



Foremost requirement in a country living gardening is to get the soil check and soil conditioning properly done. If you face some acute nature of soil like causticity and acidity you can well deploy the neutralization measures over it. The country living gardening is to be planned very carefully and managed in for good benefits. The security measures are more important in country living gardening program. The fencing of land, installation of bird scares, fake dog barks and scarecrows etc. must be done to avoid the animals creeping in your garden. Weeds and pests are another menace in country living gardening security, should be dealt in strict methods.

With country living gardening you can experiment in many ways. A part can be dedicated to perennial plants that could be well stretched on the boundaries along the fence and lawn dividers. The next part of land in country living gardening can be used as regular seasonal outputs. Induction of waterfall designs with rocks and some imitation to natural looks can also be experimented with.

The country living gardening can be well managed as commercial venture for good profits as many methods are viable as start ups.

You pick up strategy: This is good strategy to enhance your country living gardening values commercially. You just have to invite the investment and have to reserve the fruit/ vegetable plants in name of investor. On information they will come and pick up the seasonal produces to sell or you can sell them and return their investment taking away your commission.

Share the profit: This is something like small cooperative unit in country living gardening to sell the produces in market gain some commercial profit. The investment is done by the members and profits or losses are shared.

Road side juice counter: The land pieces not far from highway have some additional advantages to open a fresh juice corner. This venture is most in demand as country living gardening setups growing the seasonal fruits.

Country living gardening is exotic in sense to attract the natural richness with the capital in abundance to be gained. You can develop it artistically to give your consumer, yourself a sense of serenity with the natural beauty.

13. THE JOY OF COOKING

Cooking is something very special, it is a basic human need, without food one cannot survive and the right kind of nutrition will have a great effect on your health and quality of life, as bad kind of food or nutrition will also show itself in poor health and many other complications.



Humans have perfected cooking and eating into an art form, the combination of tastes and flavors, the adding of contrasting spices and creative combinations of flavors as well as the cooking presentation and special preparation have made cookery a form of art, and in some part a science too, as cooking uses more and more elements which require precision and exact repetition.

Most of us do not want to cook in the highest levels, and are not interested in becoming restaurant chefs or kitchen workers, but most of the people who do cook would be very happy to learn new techniques and new recipes, add some ideas of their own and generally be creative in the kitchen, almost anyone who cooks like to hear the appreciation from the people who eat the food, it is a very basic need of feeding people and providing them with nutrition.

In the last few years professional cooking has become more accessible to the general public, it started when chefs gave some private courses in homes or to a selected group of people that wanted a kind of break from the routine and quickly became a fashion in which women and men alike are participating in all kind of cookery courses, not for a qualification as a cook in a public institute or business but for the joy and pleasure of their own family and friends, and the further cookery education and experience for them.

Cooking lessons are something you can find today in many different levels, from the complete beginner to the expert cook, every one can find a new and exciting course in many different places. Some of the places that offer these cooking courses are private, some are made in private houses of one chef or the other, and some are held in culinary institutes, even though these usually serve the more professional aspirated cooking community.

A cooking lesson or course will provide most of the participants with better knowledge of cooking techniques and better ability to cook different kind of foods, combine flavors and dare to experiment with all kind of products that were probably never used before the cooking lesson, there are many things you can learn from a chef and one of them is the panning and simultaneous cooking on a few flames, which is a skill by itself.

There is also the element of fun, cooking is a hobby and even by learning to be a better cook you can find yourself having a lot of fun, meet new people and discover new things, learning how to cook can also open a lot of social doors to you, get you to know a lot of other people who share your passion, some even form cooking clubs, where each member cooks for the rest on rotation.

14. COLORADO MOUNTAIN LOG HOME



Life today often seems to move at breakneck speed. At times you may feel like you're pulled in a dozen directions. Some of us may worry about the stock market, while others fret over whether their favorite basketball team has made the playoffs. With urban sprawl and crawl at an all time high, congestion and long commutes only serve to add to our frustrations. Then, there's the added pressure of being both a highly productive employee(er) and a perfect family member.

It is no wonder why more and more people are moving to the country to get away from it all, the crowds, the congestion and the pressures of everyday life. Sometimes, though just having a getaway home isn't enough either. There certain aspects that can make a mountain getaway all the more enticing and feeling like a sanctuary for you and yours.

When you find a special home and design like this stunning Colorado Mountain Log home you will know what I mean when I say that these special places are truly cherished spots to get away to. They are a sanctuary of sorts. What makes this home so special is in the design. Using handcrafted Swedish cope chinkless designs with Alaskan staggered tail corners, the feel is nothing short of magic. Before you even come inside you will be overwhelmed by the artistry and appreciate the not so small touches like the outdoor stone fire pit to host evenings under the stars.

How you were to design your personal retreat is up to you. Think about how you like to relax. Is it reading a book, magazine or newspaper? It is through meditation? Do you unwind by engaging in a hobby, like sewing, knitting, painting, construction models or even trying knots for your annual fishing trip? Does your ideal way of getting away from

it all involve soaking in a luxurious bubble bath, being massaged by the gentle jets of a whirlpool tub or having the soothing heat of sauna ease the tension from tired limbs.

To see more of this oasis in the mountains, see the link to the 'Goods Home Design' website below.

Source: Mountain Log Homes

Link: [Mountain Log Homes](#)

15. TWO TINY EARTH HOUSE DOMES



Natural plasters have a long vernacular tradition in many cultures around the world. They are re-surging in popularity in some parts of the western world, with the rise of Rammed Earth building techniques.

These Earth Domes featured in the image are each less than 10 square meters and sit in New Zealand. The domes are built using a technique called earth bag construction, where heavy bags are filled with things like rocks, sand and clay, and then compacted down. Lying somewhere between a paint and a plaster, clay finish is a readymade product that provides an attractive and unusual internal decorative surface. The rough texture finish and subtle natural tints of the product are quite unique, and it has the advantage that both the final texture and color are applied in a single time saving operation.

Clay finish is produced in white and four basic colors and can be blended to give you a broad palette of colors to choose from. In the images of this home from the link below you will see that these houses are built to expose some of the wood work on the interior. With the contrast of the clay and the wood you will appreciate the coming together of these two grounding experiences. You will also find some adorable windows. As the 'eyes' of the house, windows play an important part in the design of your natural home. Think about the function you want each window to fulfill. One of the main jobs in a tiny home is to ensure that the windows are designed to face the sunny sides and maximize your exposure to natural light and heating that comes with it. This does not mean that the whole walls have to be windows, but you will want to put most of them on the south side. Design on a 12-month plan to take maximum advantage of how the sun changes position in the sky.

For more images of these two tiny earth house domes, check out the link below to 'Living Big in a Tiny Home'.

Source: Living Big in a Tiny House

Link: [Living Big in a Tiny House](#)

16. FABULOUS LOG HOME ON THE LAKE



We all dream of our own special getaway in a gorgeous and charming log cabin. All the better if it is on a lake right? Perhaps one is not able to make the actual purchase of land and building, but who needs to nowadays? There are so many ways to travel and enjoy the world and all the experiences that life has to offer including the feeling of one's own special log cabin on the lake. Whether you are looking for a perfect family summer playground or a sort of winter wonderland private custom home, Canyon Ferry Lake in Montana is one of the best places that you have to consider. It's a five minute walk to Yacht Basin Marina and is 2 miles away from Kims Marina where you can rent a boat.

This beautiful log home has just less than 4000 sq. ft of comfortable and gorgeous living space. There are 2 king master bedrooms and a third loft bedroom and bathroom. Also included is a fourth bedroom for all the most guests and merriment. The more the merrier right!? Who doesn't want a lovely screened in section as well as with spacious decks for relaxing with a good book and beverage. The home has books, children's games, a DVD player, fax services, microwave, refrigerator and all the amenities; as well as being wheelchair friendly.

If you love outdoor stuffs, they actually offer different activities like bicycling, boating, hiking, fishing, and snow-shoeing. If you love nature, you can go bird watching while walking the premise. Does this sound a good place for relaxation and a perfect holiday getaway? What are you waiting for? Pack up your things now and experience comfort living in this exceptional magical place away from the stressful life in the city.. The key point is, it is a great place to make memories!

Source: Montana Official Travel Site

Link: [Montana Official Travel Site](#)

17. AWESOME RUSTIC FURNITRE



In order to design your living room you need to incorporate the furniture of your choice as well as the color. Compare some of your choice then match it to your own design and also consider the space to ensure that it perfectly matches to the same tone. It just totally means that you have to consider every portion of your living room in order to get a fabulous and catchy design.

Aesthetic appeal plays a vital role in both design and picking of furniture, as furniture is what gives a home its final look and features. As a result, most home-owners pick up furniture on the basis of its aesthetic appeal although functionality must come first. Well after all, the main purpose of the furniture is to cater all your activities and needs at home. Unluckily, looking for furniture which is both functional and visually appealing is a very hard task and finding one which fits perfectly in your taste will be a lot challenging. Why is this so? It is because due to the fact that most furniture nowadays are made in order to meet the needs of among potential buyers but in the end failed to meet anyone's need perfectly.

Have you ever heard of a Juniper wood? This is some of the coolest log furniture that most people have ever found. Very rustic and crafted out of the very unique and never the same type of wood. Juniper wood is ultra unique as it grows in gnarls and twists and turns. You will probably never find two pieces of Juniper wood exactly alike. This gorgeous rustic hand-crafted furniture was made in a company out of Europe.

Below is the link for the awesome rustic furniture, you will definitely want to take a look at their page for more photos. There are a lot of woodworking here, and this is some of the most beautiful work that you might want to see. Enjoy!

Source: Mojjevel

Link: [Mojjevel](#)

18. THE CASTLEROCK



Many people have this fantasy of living in a home that is peaceful and calm. A log home could give that kind of effect in your life. Why? Because it is built from natural materials that are close to their original state. The logs from trees will bring you comfort and warmth during winter. If you have the luxury of owning a log home, you will want to go with the right company that offers some good plan for your design and style when it comes to your log home. You can do it yourself or you can also have them install it all for you. That would definitely cost extra so if you are a handyman, perhaps there will be things you will want to do on your own.

However, if you don't know very much about construction and you want it on point and to be sure that it is done right, then handing it to the professional is a wise to do. You might just end up paying double if you go in without any experience and make costly mistakes.

That being said, the plans or packages are made to make the creation easier for you. Think of it as solving a jigsaw puzzle. Expedition Log Homes is actually an expert when it comes to this business. You can trust their work from the number of projects they have had with their clients over the years.

Lots of companies like this take it to the Internet now to have their services be known and this company is just among them that can really deliver with high quality. You will surely benefit from the many offers and features of their plans when it comes to building your own log home. The Castle rock is just also one of their log homes that is worthy to be checked out because of its stunning platform. View more of it on the Expedition Log Homes website below.

Source: Expedition Log Homes

Link: [Expedition Log Homes](#)

19. COUNTRY MOUNTAIN LIVING BLISS



So many people dream of owning and even building their very own country mountain home. A Comfortable and cosy family mountain cabin that is nestled amongst evergreen pines and aspen trees with 180-degree spectacular views....sounds terrible right?

You can enjoy the comforts and amenities of your own home, combined with the rustic charm and serenity of mountain country living and an active outdoor lifestyle. At an certain elevation, the air is clean and crisp, the stars close, and the views are breathtaking. Our home is a truly charming place best shared with family and friends.

Like any type of construction, if you do some or all of it yourself you are going to save money. Our home was handcrafted by Amazing Log Home Builders. If you are interested in this beautiful work you can find the links within this directory.

Before you start, do your research. Find a house plan and if you are going to make any modifications, do them on paper!

Changes to the structure once you begin will be far more costly. Be sure to plan, plan, plan. How many bedrooms do you want? How big should that kitchen be? Think about all the things that are going to make your home the perfect place and make little to no changes once you start to build. Once you decide on the floor plan, talk about it and think of all the scenarios. Do you live in an area that gets cold harsh winters? Does your plan include a wood fireplace and how about access of bringing in the wood.

Consider the tools you will need and use good quality tools that you perhaps can purchase on sale. Be patient and budget enough time before you need to 'move in'. It is a lot of work to build any type of home and if you don't put undue pressure on yourself you will enjoy the project more.

Source: The Log Builders

Link: [The Log Builders](#)

20. WONDERFUL HANDCRAFTED LOG HOME



Did you ever think of having your own getaway or a warm home with a breathtaking view in the forest? The Leavenworth Washington Log Home is the perfect place. This log home is inspired by modern downtown residences but its builder "Summit log and Timber Homes" has made sure to include the sensibility needed to craft the terraces on both levels which capture the scenic view of the entire forest. The chirping of birds and the breeze of the wind welcomes you into this place. As you enter and walk in to the living room, the first thing that will draw your attention is the stone fireplace. It adds a rustic feel to the modern interior design of the log home. Since it's all stone up to the ceiling, it accentuates the height of the living room and of course, the stone and wood combination brings in a harmonious design. Next stop is the simple yet beautiful wooden staircase that adds a touch of the outdoors. A few more steps and you'll reach the sleek, well-designed and contemporary island inspired kitchen. It will motivate you to make luscious meals and right next to is the dining area where you get to munch on those meals. The dining area is surrounded with windows, which is more of an efficient design as you can conserve energy by not using lights during the daytime, and all the while bringing you closer to nature.

A comfortable bed awaits you upstairs. The bedroom invites a cozy ambiance making it a terrific sanctuary after a long day. A small nook nearby is a perfect place to simply relax or a quiet place to read your favorite book. If you want to be mesmerized by star lights, just a few steps you'll reach the terrace. Don't forget to wrap yourself with a blanket or you'll get cold as you feel the wind. This is definitely a great escape from a busy city.

Source: Good Home Designs

Link: [Good Home Designs](#)

21. DIY LOG BED FRAME



If you take a look on furniture's history, you will realize that most of it was made by hand. Furniture was considered one of the most essential aspects of every home and is a homeowner's pride and joy. Bedroom furniture is actually one of the most popularly crafted by craftsmen with utmost care and creativity. If people can afford it, they can always choose to buy hand crafted furniture pieces. But if they can't, they surely can make their own! It is still considered handmade, right?

A rustic bed frame is pretty popular and it can be easily made with hand tools. All you need are chisel, hand saw and hammer. It can be a lot of effort and hard work but you can make your own bed frame for about \$50. If you choose to stain it by using polyurethane, you will have to spend an extra since you will need to buy those. Our example here was stained using the Clear Gloss polyurethane. It is a queen size bed although you can always adjust it to any dimensions as you like.

The Hand Tools You'll Need

You will only need a few tools. Consider preparing the following:

- Chisel (1-1/2 inch)
- Rubber Mallet (hitting chisel)
- Power drill
- Hand saw
- Five pieces of very straight 2x4 boards
- At least two clamps

- Hatchet (to remove limbs from the tree)
- Sandpapers
- Wood Glue
- Draw Knife to remove bark
- Level
- Measuring tape

You can also prepare an electric sander which is optional but will help you save some more time. The draw knife, on the other hand, gets your stuff smooth so you will need it often.

Handmade furniture is perfection in imperfection. There will always be minor flaws in your attempt to create a very attractive piece. So, try to see these little imperfections in a positive way.

Source: Instructables

Link: [Instructables](#)

22. GARDEN TREEHOUSE CABIN: ELEVATED MICRO LIVING



Have you ever thought about living in a tree house? Well, if you don't, this garden tree house cabin might change your mind. It has a bed, living area, kitchenette, and a balcony in it and an outdoor shower plus a cozy fish pond! You've never been to a tree house before, ever since you are a kid and now, you're still longing for it. Perfect! Now is the perfect time for you to fill that space in your childhood life by making it up now. "So? What are you suggesting?" What else?! Let's build our backyard tree house! "Well, sorry to disappoint you but I don't know how to build a tree house." Oh no, not at all! I've always known that your carpentry, designing, and building skills is below zero. But don't worry; you're not alone in this struggle. I'm a nice gal, so I'll give you some tips how.

Firstly, consider the site. According to the Family Handyman website, you have to choose a strong tree for your tree house. "Choose a healthy, long-lived hardwood for maximum support. With load-bearing branches at least 8 inches in diameter but larger if the species is softwood," Maple, oak, fir, beech, and hemlock are among the best trees to consider. Secondly, you need to keep stability and weight at the back of your mind. "Build the platform as close to the trunk as possible and add diagonal bracing for extra strength to support uneven loads." If you want to build your tree house in high-wind areas, have it lower third of the tree. If you want to put up a large and heavy one, spread the weight among several trees. "To share the heavy load? The burden?" Yes, little one. Trees need each other too.

Thirdly, don't restrict tree growth. Even when you have your tree house, do not take away the tree's right to move and grow. Leave gaps among the trees to allow them to. Fourthly, make sure to level the floor. Building process will be easy if the floor is level and able to carry the heavy weight of the house. "To keep a large tree house stable, centre the load over the trunk and spread the weight among several branches." And lastly, build sections on the ground, lift them into position and choose the right fasteners. How to do it? "I assembled the platform and house on the ground, and then disassembled them. After you had attached the supports to the trees, lift the platform

piece by piece and assembled it on the supports. An extra set of hands might be needed only to raise the four walls and two roof sections. Final assembly took place in the trees,” Mike Whitaker says as quoted in Family Handyman website.

Now is the time to get the tools and materials for our amazing tree house! Let’s get started! “That’s right! You go get them while I do the first tip, OK?” *face-palm*

Source: Tiny House Talk

Link: [Tiny House Talk](#)

23. A SMALL WHITE HOUSE IN THE WOODS OF SWEDEN



After a long week work, have you ever had the urge to go out of town and breathe some fresh air? Where would it be? It would be near a sea, tea garden, hill or any urban area surrounded with natural beauty and considered as a good escapade route. A vacation is aimed in order to recharge and give pleasure to ourselves in order to regain concentration and a pleasant feeling when you get back to work. Have you ever thought of spending a weekend or a holiday in a small white house in the woods of Sweden? Yeah, this is actually a "a must try" place!

Swedish design is well known because of its quality and cozy feels. Take for example this white house from the country which the design still leaves us in awe. Found in the Swedish woods, the 613 sq. ft. is an amazing house of a single floor plan that speaks clean style. Built in 1975 and was redesigned lately, it comprises of 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. One can stay in the well-designed porch while looking at the beautiful view in front, making it the best part of the house for relaxation.

The interior design is pure white but complete with a cozy atmosphere and earthly colours. Its living room is surprisingly dreamy for a start. The kitchen was simply decorated while it speaks of a contemporary design. The lighting systems being used perfectly matches a good cooking session or a little late dinner. The entire house looks perfect and would be a great place to spend some time even for a short period of time. What are you waiting for? Check out your calendar now and plan abruptly. For a memorable stay, bring with you your family or close friends. Feel the nature, feel the fresh air!

Source: Goods Home Design

Link: [Goods Home Design](#)