

Section 14: Ten Tips For Tiny House Design

When downsizing into a tiny house you will want to think seriously about space and design management. If you think about what you will need in your tiny house beforehand you can let it influence the tiny house design and build that you choose. The following tips for a tiny house design will help you get the most out of your small space, making it efficient and comfortable to your specific needs. These tips are helpful when you are considering which tiny house design will work for you and if you are building a tiny house of your own.

1. Identify your Needs

Think about the things you like to do most. If you work from home, make sure to create an appropriate office space. If you love to entertain, plan your kitchen and your living space accordingly.

2. Research

Research and absorb as much tiny house information that you can. Go online, read books, check out tiny house plans, and soak up all the inspiration and ideas you can before you set about building. Take your time. Proper planning will help you get the tiny house you want, and get it with less waste and fewer mistakes.

3. Windows

Windows in a tiny house make all the difference. Windows open up small areas by allowing natural light to flow in, and they offer a view outside which also helps to extend your living space. Without the right amount of windows, your tiny house will feel closed off.

4. Storage

Take a look at what you own, and decide what's important to you and then plan for it in your design. You don't want any surprises when moving into your tiny house design, and without the right amount of storage your space will feel cluttered and small. Think about what will go in each area of your tiny house design to ensure you have enough kitchen, bedroom and closet storage. Knowing beforehand your storage needs will allow you to organize your space more readily once you move in. Efficient storage will open up your space.

5. Stay in a Tiny House

Plan a tiny house vacation and see how other tiny houses make it work. A tiny house vacation is a nice chance to get away and spend some quality time in a tent, tiny house on wheels, yurt, studio apartment, or even a travel van. By staying in a tiny house you can see what sort of things work for you and allow you to achieve better design and helped you to figure out what it was we truly desired and required in our living space. There is no better way to get a sense of

what might work and what might not than by actually being inside a tiny house. Take photos.

6. Vision Board

Visual boards assist and inspire your tiny house design. Get creative, and come up with all the design ideas that you want to consider in your tiny home. You might have a board on Pinterest with all your tiny house design ideas or you can use a bulletin board and pin ideas you find in magazines onto your board. Collect design ideas for all areas in your tiny house design to include the kitchen, living, area, storage, loft, and bathroom. Your vision board will help inspire you and keep you visually motivated. Take photos of everything that inspires you and add it to your board. Pictures can also help convey ideas to a builder, a zoning board official, or a hardware store employee.

7. Network

Find other tiny houses, attend tiny house workshops, and contact tiny house builders and dwellers. Ask their opinions and you might even get a tour of their tiny home. Typically the tiny house community is friendly and helpful, and most don't mind sharing their thoughts and experiences on the subject. Tell everyone you know about your tiny house build, you might be surprised at how many people are excited to help, lend tools, or donate building materials for your future tiny home.

8. Create a Check List

A checklist will help you to organize the building process and make it easier to realize specific goals. A checklist can seem overwhelming at first but ultimately it will help drive your construction. A list gives you a realistic idea of the amount of work that you have to do plus it's satisfying when you can check goals off your list. Anything you can do to keep motivated during a tiny house build is very important to the designing and building process.

9. Get Help

If you are building your tiny house, organize workdays and ask your friends and family to come out and help you at stages of the construction. It's a fun way to help with your build, especially if you are building yourself. Getting help from family and friends is a community experience, and a great way to bring some positive energy to the building process. When your tiny house is complete you can look at the many parts of your tiny home and give thanks to the help your family and friends in creating such a beautiful space.

10. Have Fun

Enjoy the tiny house process and remember to keep positive. It's not always easy to stay motivated, especially if you are building your tiny house which takes

several months. Remember that the end product is all yours and you'll have a cozy, safe space to call home.