

## *Anonymous*

### *Basic Stats:*

- What is(are) your name(s)? **Anonymous TinyHouser**
- What do you do for a living? **Professional employment**
- How many people do you/will be living in your tiny house? **1 adult**
- What part of the country do you live in? **Southeastern US**
- How many square feet is your house? **102, not counting loft.**
- When did you start your build? **August 2012**
- Is your house complete? **Exterior is almost complete**
- Have you been documenting your tiny house build and if so, where can people find that information?

### *Background:*

- Why did you decide to build? **I really preferred to live somewhere small and cozy. Also, I like building things.**
- What was your life like before your tiny house? Were you fairly active, have you always had 'projects' going on? Were you fairly sedentary and looking for a change? Did you tend to work too much? (This question is an effort at trying to figure out WHO gravitates to the tiny house lifestyle) **I have always got some project or other going on. Usually it's something that can be done sitting down. But not always. I did NOT tend to work too much. I'm a leftist, liberal, cooperative minded person.**
- How did you come to hear about the movement, figure out it was right for you and and get started? **I didn't know there was a "movement" until I had already started. And I'm not sure I'm part of it. But I read about tiny houses in the New York Times a few years back.**

- What is/was your design inspiration? **Oak Bluffs meets Swedish Cottage.**

*Technical:*

- How do/did you find the time to work on your house with a job, kid(s), relationships, AND building a house? Did you do anything special to keep the balance? **I am only working while on vacation. To maintain relationships, I invited friends to come and work with me.**
- Have you run into any problems with your local codes? How did you solve them? **I haven't yet, but part of how I'm solving the problem is by staying anonymous online...**
- Where did you get the tools that you use? Were they yours, borrowed, rented etc.? **I already had a full complement of tools. Might have to buy a couple things but not many.**
- How long did (are you expecting) construction to take? **Professionals got involved so it could go faster. Probably less than 2 months total.**
- Have you/were you able to stay on schedule? **Yes, so far**
- What is/was the most time consuming portion of your build? **I anticipate interior finish**
- What is/was the most limiting factor for your build? **I didn't have the free time to scrounge around on Craigslist etc.**
- Is your house on a trailer? If yes, how do you attach to the trailer? How do you move your tiny house? (Do you have a truck, do you hire it done?) **It is screwed to a trailer. I hired someone to move it and expect to continue to do so.**
- Do you have accessory houses/dwellings that you use to supplement storage/working/living? **Yes, a barn where I am building. Not sure what I will use in the next location.**
- Where did you get your plans? **Tumbleweed. But I don't recommend the plans. There are many errors. Many, many errors.**

- Have you consulted any 'professionals'? (structural, mechanical, plumbing, design etc.)? **Architect, structural engineer, master builders, will be calling in an electrician and a plumber to check my work.**
- Are you insuring your house? With who? **Still trying to get proper insurance.**
- Have you been using any sponsorships to help fund your house? How do you go about finding that sponsorship? **no**

*Specifics:*

- What sort of items do you have for cooking? **Electric two-burner top and microwave, rice cooker, popcorn popper, slow cooker.**
- Are you tied to the power grid or are you off grid? **On grid for now but that may change.**
- Are you going to have a washer and/or dryer? **At this point, just the little hand washing supplement, I think they call it Mightly Mini, and a clothesline.**
- Where does your water come from? **City water at present but I hope for rainwater filtration.**
- What kind of toilet are you going to have? **Humanure**
- What do you use for a heat source if anything? **Electric heat is planned. Also AC.**
- What are some of the space savings tricks you used? **Storage under the bed, fold-down table, collapsible chairs, bookshelves as wall.**
- What do you have for insulation? **Commercially blown-in foam insulation is planned.**
- Where are you planning to park your tiny house? **In an urban area for now. But I might buy some land and go rural, I'm not sure yet.**

**Personal:**

- How much will/did your tiny house cost? **Probably about \$25K**

- What is/was the most expensive part of your house? **The windows.**  
**Tumbleweed's plans required some very specific non-standard windows.**
- 'Best' injury story (worst injury)? **No injuries so far, may God protect everyone.**
- What has been your biggest accomplishment with your tiny house? **Dealing with the logistics**
- What is/will be the biggest benefit to living in a tiny house? **It will be portable if I change jobs. It will allow me to live in it while I rent out the main house.**
- Is there anything you'll miss about living in a standard house? What will you miss the most? **I will miss the bathtub, the extensive storage space for books and craft supplies, and my antique furniture, which I now have to sell...**
- What has been the scariest part about building your own house? **The wiring.**
- If you could change one thing about your house what would it be? **I would probably have bought a larger trailer, and used some other company besides Tumbleweed.**
- Did you have cash in hand to complete your build, pay as you go or take out a loan to construct your house? **I thank God that I had the money.**
- Have friends and family been skeptical or supportive of your ideas? **They are, by now, used to my wild ideas, projects, and schemes, so they have ranged from neutral to helpful.**
- Is there anything else you would want other people to know about your house and build?