

Gabriella and Andrew Morrison - www.tinyhousebuild.com

Basic Stats:

- What is(are) your name(s)? **Gabriella and Andrew Morrison**
- What do you do for a living? **Teach people how to build their own houses**
- How many people do you/will be living in your tiny house? **2 full time, 2 part time.**
- What part of the country do you live in? **Wooded, mountaineous**
- How many square feet is your house? **221 not including lofts**
- When did you start your build? **August 2013**
- Is your house complete? **No**
- Have you been documenting your tiny house build and if so, where can people find that information? **Yes. www.tinyhousebuild.com**

Background:

- Why did you decide to build? **Wanted to build mortgage free**
- 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) **Always interested in housing and viable options to housing challenges and issues**
- How did you come to hear about the movement, figure out it was right for you and get started? **Kent Griswold became one of our affiliates (www.strawbale.com) in 2011 and has been with us since. He was our first introduction.**

- What is/was your design inspiration? **Modern, clean**

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? **We are working full time on our house. Everything else is on hold**
- Have you run into any problems with your local codes? How did you solve them? **They don't know we are building**
- Where did you get the tools that you use? Were they yours, borrowed, rented etc.? **Bought them and had some of our own**
- How long did (are you expecting) construction to take? **4 months**
- Have you/were you able to stay on schedule? **Pretty much**
- What is/was the most time consuming portion of your build? **Framing**
- What is/was the most limiting factor for your build? **Weather**
- How do you move your tiny house? (Do you have a truck, do you hire it done?) **Yes. Won't move it much though.**
- Do you have accessory houses/dwellings that you use to supplement storage/working/living? **Yes. Pop up tent trailer and Terra's Lookout cabin that we built this summer**
- Where did you get your plans? **Created them**
- Have you consulted any 'professionals'? (structural, mechanical, plumbing, design etc.)? **No**
- Are you insuring your house? With who? **No**
- 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? **Very rustic kitchen**

- Are you tied to the power grid or are you off grid? **Off**
- Are you going to have a washer and/or dryer? **Yes**
- Where does your water come from? **Spring but just had well drilled**
- What kind of toilet are you going to have? **Sunmar composting**
- What do you use for a heat source if anything? **Propane fireplace**
- What do you have for insulation? **Denim in ceiling, rigid foam in walls and trailer**
- Where are you planning to park your tiny house? **Our land**

Personal:

- How much will/did your tiny house cost? **We are guessing 30k**
- What is/was the most expensive part of your house? **It will probably be siding**
- 'Best' injury story (worst injury)? **Zero thank goodness**
- What has been your biggest accomplishment with your tiny house? **Painting interior walls**
- What is/will be the biggest benefit to living in a tiny house? **Low cost**
- Is there anything you'll miss about living in a standard house? What will you miss the most? **No. We've already experimented with living tiny then back to large houses and we don't miss anything living tiny**
- What has been the scariest part about building your own house? **The weather and not being able to control that**
- If you could change one thing about your house what would it be? **Having put rigid insulation in the walls**
- Did you have cash in hand to complete your build, pay as you go or take out a loan to construct your house? **Cash**
- Have friends and family been skeptical or supportive of your ideas? **Supportive**

- Is there anything else you would want other people to know about your house and build? **It's a huge amount of work and takes a lot of determination to keep going day after day even when it's snowing, freezing and muddy and all you want to do is sit in the hot tub and drink wine instead**