

Moose : <http://moosevilla.blogspot.com/>

Basic Stats:

- What is(are) your name(s)? Moose Henderson
- What do you do for a living? Moose ecologist
- How many people do you/will be living in your tiny house? 1
- What part of the country do you live in? Almost Canada, extreme northern Michigan
- How many square feet is your house? Will be approx. 140
- When did you start your build? Aug 10, 2014
- Is your house complete? No, just ordered the trailer
- Have you been documenting your tiny house build and if so, where can people find that information? Yes, <http://moosevilla.blogspot.com/>

Background:

- Why did you decide to build? **Desire to live and work with moose, my house will be my home and office in moose country**
- What was your life like before your tiny house? No different
- Were you fairly active, have you always had 'projects' going on? Yes
- Were you fairly sedentary and looking for a change? No
- 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 am active, I would not call it work because it is my passion
- How did you come to hear about the movement, figure out it was right for you and get started? I lived on a sailboat for 11 years, it just seems natural

- What is/was your design inspiration? www.thesmallhousecatalog.com rolling bungalow (Moschata)

Technical:

- How do/did you find the time to work on your house with a job, kid(s), relationships, AND building a house? Squeeze into weekends, etc. Did you do anything special to keep the balance? nope
- Have you run into any problems with your local codes? Michigan is the most restrictive state to my knowledge. How did you solve them? Will move if needed
- Where did you get the tools that you use? Purchased new
- Were they yours, borrowed, rented etc.? Mine
- How long did (are you expecting) construction to take? One year
- Have you/were you able to stay on schedule? So far.
- What is/was the most time consuming portion of your build? Getting the money together
- What is/was the most limiting factor for your build? Deciding on a final plan.
- Is your house on a trailer? Yes
- If yes, how do you attach to the trailer? Simpson hold-downs
- How do you move your tiny house? (Do you have a truck, do you hire it done?) Hire or UHaul
- Do you have accessory houses/dwellings that you use to supplement storage/working/living? no
- Where did you get your plans? www.thesmallhousecatalog.com also purchased plans from tumbleweed but returned them and purchase a set from Four Lights Houses
- Have you consulted any 'professionals'? (structural, mechanical, plumbing, design etc.)? no, plenty of experience
- Are you insuring your house? No

- Have you been using any sponsorships to help fund your house? No

Specifics:

- What sort of items do you have for cooking? Propane stove
- Are you tied to the power grid or are you off grid? Will be off grid
- Are you going to have a washer and/or dryer? No, manual wash
- Where does your water come from? Catchment and hand carry
- What kind of toilet are you going to have? Composting
- What do you use for a heat source if anything? Wood heater, Little Cod by www.marinestove.com
- What are some of the space savings tricks you used? **Sofa that goes into hanging locker, can lay down by extending legs into hanging locker.**
- What do you have for insulation? Sheep's wool
- Where are you planning to park your tiny house? Where the moose roam

Personal:

- How much will/did your tiny house cost? Est. 20K
- What is/was the most expensive part of your house? Trailer
- 'Best' injury story (worst injury)? I am a walking time bomb
- What has been your biggest accomplishment with your tiny house? Getting started
- What is/will be the biggest benefit to living in a tiny house? Living with moose!
- Is there anything you'll miss about living in a standard house? Nothing
What will you miss the most?
- What has been the scariest part about building your own house? Nothing scary at all

- If you could change one thing about your house what would it be? Someone to share my space with
- Did you have cash in hand to complete your build, pay as you go or take out a loan to construct your house? ½ cash, rest pay as I go
- Have friends and family been skeptical or supportive of your ideas? Have not received their opinions
- Is there anything else you would want other people to know about your house and build? Nope