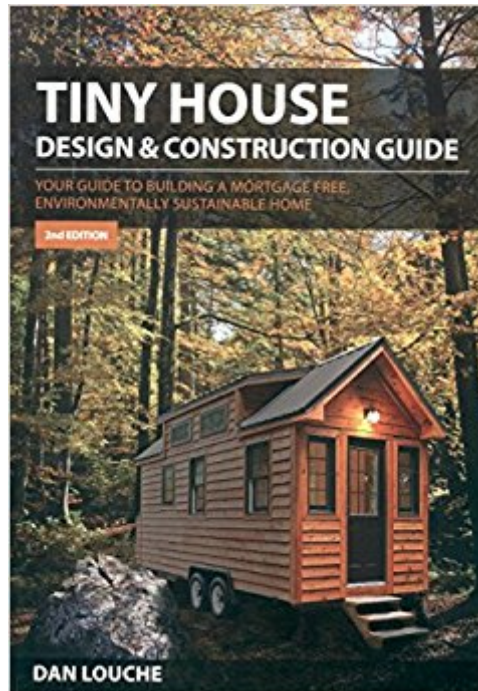




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# Tiny House Design & Construction Guide



## Synopsis

Take the first step to achieving your dream of building and living in your very own tiny house! The Tiny House Design & Construction Guide is your road map to the entire build process. This guide will help you to understand each step that needs to be taken and, more importantly, give you the confidence to start building your own tiny house. This is the expanded, 2nd edition of the Tiny House Design & Construction Guide. This latest edition contains over 50% more content and over 38 more images and illustrations. I listened to my reader's feedback and added much more information into the framing, electrical, and plumbing sections of the book.

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## Customer Reviews

Dan Louche is the owner of Tiny Home Builders. He has been building tiny houses since 2009, when he built his first house for his mom. He strives to help others achieve their tinyhousedreams by giving them the knowledge and confidence to build their own homes. He has taught tiny-house construction techniques to thousands of would-be builders through scores of workshops and speaking engagements. His company's website, [tinyhomebuilders.com](http://tinyhomebuilders.com), is visited by over one million people each year, and his designs have been featured on numerous websites and TV shows, including Good Morning America and the HGTV network. Dan has a degree in engineering from the University of Central Florida.

I just attended Dan's most recent workshop north of Atlanta. I bought the book, assuming it would be very similar to all of the other Tiny House books I have. I WAS WRONG. This book passes the Tiny House concept from an idea to REAL. Dan guides the reader through the details such as tools needed and why, best way to order material, the details of the trailer and weights, framing, flashing, sheathing, wrapping, hardware, layouts, etc. This book is for those who are READY to really do it! I have dozens of books on Tiny Houses and there is no book like this one. Someone who has never seen a power tool can build a tiny house with the guidance of this book. I am an experienced carpenter and I learned a LOT including techniques specific to Tiny Houses. What is really important that Dan covers is the WHY he does each step the way he does. That's the difference. A lot of carpenters can build a house on a trailer, but will not think of what it takes for it to GO DOWN THE ROAD, ( ie- the tongue weight of vehicle, towing weight, how to bolt it to the trailer, strap it down, best support configuration of trailer and why, etc.) I would suggest attending one of his workshops, especially for beginners, to SEE the safest way to use power tools and to USE it while Dan supervises. The icing on the cake for me, is that Dan's company sells the trailers, so you can buy one already correctly put together. (I also learned that he is now offering a place to build your tiny house if you don't have enough room or are forbidden to build one in your yard.) I give this book a huge applause!!!

Overall, I did enjoy the book and would recommend it wholeheartedly to anybody who has some building background. I feel the book could (in a future version) be top rated if it addresses 2 issues. Fill in the gap for those who do not have any building experience and likewise, add more details for those who want more information. Being in the latter category, I felt the information was sometimes too hurried with not enough details. Also, it would benefit enormously from having \*more\* pictures as well a diagrams. These would go a long way in making it a better book.

I bought this guide to help with my own tiny house build and it has been a great reference during the entire process. It is easy to understand even for someone with no building experience. The guide is not specific to any plans. Though, Dan Louche sells them for a great price on [tinyhomebuilders.com](http://tinyhomebuilders.com). The guide takes you through the entire process from scratch including what tools and materials you will need, what kind of trailer to buy, anchoring to the trailer, framing, roofing, siding, plumbing, electrical, and all the finishing touches. The photos and illustrations (such as the electrical diagrams) are especially helpful. You can also subscribe to his videos on his website for even further instruction. I highly recommend this to anyone considering building a tiny house. I love his designs

and it has inspired the design of my own house.

Curious about the Tiny House Project? Have no clue if you can pull it off or if it is even feasible? This book is a great starting point. My husband didn't initially want a tiny house until I showed him this book. He found the portability of tiny homes appealing and the book's information answered questions for him about cost, construction needs, and adaptability. However, it's not perfect. Nothing is really explored too deeply. I found the layouts shown in the book to be a little underwhelming and I would have liked to have seen more pictures of the interior of the completed home. But I would still recommend it 100% for anyone else interested in starting their own project. Just be prepared to do extra research.

May be too basic if you've spent any time watching all the tiny house videos on YouTube, but a good basic overview of the many options available as you design your tiny home.

I like this book, and it is what it says it is. My only criticism is that it is rather basic. If you have construction experience, this book might seem rather basic. Additionally, it doesn't really cover complex designs or go in depth with systems like electrical or plumbing. I found the design section to be rather disappointingly short. On the other hand, if you are entirely new to building or designing, this book should be considered a solid starting place to present various design options to you, and to explain practical considerations on topics like light stick-frame construction, insulation, and metal roofing.

This is an excellent guide for designing and building a "tiny house" on a trailer chassis. From these semi-general, semi-specific guidelines, anyone who is fairly competent with handtools and home repairs can create a movable home of their own that can be as green as they wish. I read one review that said roughly "He only give a guide for one specific home on one specific trailer", well he might not have actually taken the time to read the words! I say if someone needs more of a guide than this, perhaps Bagawino or some other RV purveyor could serve them better. As for me I prefer a guide like this that tells me what works, what does not. He explains pros and cons of different options for different scenarios. With the tools provided in this guide, I can use what I know, learn what I don't know, and make decisions on the construction of my place. Does it have shortcomings? Well, yes...I had to pay money for it, He didn't hand deliver it to me with a free trailer, He didn't read my mind ahead of time and write it for the exact application I envision, and worst of all, He didn't

bring this book to my attention a long time ago. Good info guide, very well illustrated, quite detailed and helpful. Highly recommended.

Hi Your guide is put together very well. I am a novice at building except for my childhood tree forts. After reading most of the book I really think I could do it myself. I would need help with electric and plumbing and I am sure framing windows has a knack. Overall it is the best how to guide with accurate materials list and instructions. Bravo A job well done. This is the only book you need for your tiny home

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