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This Old House meets *Wayne's World* in this zany guide to designing and building tiny homes

Derek Diedricksen has always had a love for small, modest houses ever since his father gave him the book *Tiny Tiny Houses* by Lester Walker for his tenth birthday. Combining his artistic abilities, wild imagination, and his passion for small houses, he self-published *Humble Homes, Simple Shacks, Cozy Cottages, Ramshackle Retreats, Funky Forts, and Whatever the Heck Else we could Squeeze in Here* in 2009. This book is a collection of Diedricksen's creative/imaginative sketches for building small houses, shacks, cottages, and forts.

The sketches are accompanied with hand-written commentary, both instructive and comical. Derek's main purpose is to get your creative juices flowing and encourage you to get off the couch and use your hands. Believing that specific building plans squash creativity, he avoids too many detailed instructions, giving you the chance to put your own creative spin on your very own small abode (even if it is just in your imagination).

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From Reader Review Humble Homes, Simple Shacks, Cozy Cottages, Ramshackle Retreats, Funky Forts: And Whatever the Heck Else We Could Squeeze in Here for online ebook

Roger Froilan says

Weird, but I LOVED IT! Not only a humorous approach to the tiny house book genre, but its laid out in a very cool, zine-like format, and crammed, and I mean crammed with some crazy, and clever ideas, especially when it comes to building with free and recycled materials. It does have a photo section too, although I wish it had a few more.

Mark Polino says

More fun concepts than building plans, Humble Homes still manages to stimulate the creative juices. The drawings were awfully full making tough to take everything in.

Angela says

Very little information wrapped around difficult images. Any other tiny house book has more information.

Wendy says

This would be good for a clever person with a basic understanding for how to make simple structures.

I long to be one of those people, but I really don't have time to begin another hobby. Or, the money to invest in tools.

Chad says

This is a fun tiny house book with a lot of whimsy. Deek's ideas and drawings are imaginative and can really get your brain moving in directions you may not otherwise have gone when designing your tiny get-away.

Leah says

A not-so-serious illustrated narrative packed with some seriously useful information. The large black-and-white illustrations were hard on my eyes, but I'm sure for all the comic book lovers out there this would be a great way to absorb Deek's tips and tricks. Fun read, not likely to pick it up again, though; I'd much rather

read his other book, *Microshelters: 59 Creative Cabins, Tiny Houses, Tree Houses, and Other Small Structures*.

2.5 stars

Heather says

Awesome book. Better for ideas since it doesn't give actual measurements and how to but it's a keeper!

Jaime says

This is quite possibly one of the most creative and inspiring books I've seen, and at times, it literally had me laughing out loud. I have 2.25 acres of prime hillbilly real estate (read: in a holler, in the wilderness with no well, running water, electricity, toilet, etc.) I've been itching to build something on it because things get a bit nuts around here, and an escape would be nice. Reading this has inspired me and made me think "okay, what can I do here?"

Andrew says

Not an instruction manual by any stretch of the imagination, but definitely a good beginning point to start getting the ideas flowing

Dianne Merridith says

I was expecting more photographs, especially of interiors. Entertaining nevertheless.

Kira McGann says

Sweet book! Great ingenious ideas.

Melanie says

I would give it a quarter star.

Zia says

Can't recall presently...

Dos Gringos says

This is nothing more than a crudely-drawn comic book with doodles of the sort a teenager would sketch up while bored in history class (or stoned in their basement). While some of the "concepts" may spark an idea or two, the comics are so busy and scattered that it hurts your head to read them. The author does throw in a bunch of photos, scrapbook-style, at the end that should have been mixed into the chapters to break up the undecipherable comics. Not a serious book.

Grace says

This book was fabulous! I loved reading something from someone with a mindset just so different than mine. I'm not planning on building anything any time soon but I will take away the question-- how can I solve this problem WITHOUT spending any money?
