

18 Year Old Student With No Construction Experience Builds Tiny Home for Under \$20,000

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Gabriella Grace of Wellington New Zealand was only 18 years old when she decided take on an unusual school project to design and build her very own tiny home. She had no real construction experience, nor did her dad who she recruited to help her, but together, they created the lovely tiny home she currently lives in (and owns outright).

Not hiring any one to do any of the labor, and using lots of used materials, allowed Gabriella to create her 16 square meter (172') home for just \$26,000 New Zealand (about \$17,000 US at the time of construction).



Now, thanks to a nice patron who has allowed her to “park” her home in a really sweet spot, Gabriella has a million dollar ocean view and lives just a 12 minute drive from the city center.

She admits that her place is not fully finished – especially the bathroom that currently uses a porta-potty and her fridge-less kitchen (which she claims to like because she’s so close to everything, she can just get fresh food every day). And her smoke detector still needs to be connected.



But she does have a couple special features that few tiny homes have – glowing florescent floor lights and a built in stereo system that allow her to turn her little home into a mini-dance party space in an instant.



With her project, Gabriella has shown that anyone can create a home for themselves for under \$20K, even if they have no experience. And if they can find the right place to put it, they may get a view that is grander than that of homes that cost 20 to 50 times as much.

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