



Tiny House Blog

Entry #11... Custom Ain't Crazy

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There's a secret menu here at ThinHaus ... and you can use it to create your perfect ThinHaus ... and big, wonderful surprise: it doesn't have to cost anything extra to use it!

You see, over the years, we have developed techniques and added things that are just as good as our standard stuff, but for one reason or another, are just not apart of the Original ThinHaus build. Mostly, it's because most folks don't want it ... but not everyone. You might want that change and we're happy to give it to you and for the most part, if we take something out to give you something extra, it won't cost extra.

For example: Let's say that instead of our standard Loft #2 that goes over the front door, you want a double bedroom section, each with five foot ceilings. Basically, this is a 3-bedroom ThinHaus. Think about it. All you are asking is to lower the loft height from seven feet to five feet, shorten the ladder a little and take out the front door. Sure, it's a change ... but it really doesn't cost anything to do so why charge more?

Maybe, you want a soaking tub in the bath instead of a stand-up shower. The plumbing on this is not really any different so the cost differential is just tub price minus shower price ... which might be only a few hundred dollars. You would be giving up space that is used for the laundry machine, so that's a consideration, but it's your call.

In fact, customization decisions always come back to space (and weight). In a tiny house, space is the final factor. You only have so much and have to chose carefully on how to use it. When we say "space," we are talking about "volume" and you don't want to waste any of it if you can avoid it.

Can you add space to a tiny house? Sure ... but at a very great cost. You can go a little wide (as we do on the Original ThinHaus) and add to the cost and difficulty of moving the unit. You can go way wide and really add space and transportation costs, if you like. Going long is also very "do-able," but again, this adds weight, cost and transport issues.

You could, at least in theory, go up and add height. The maximum traveling height on American highways is 13'6", but there is no engineering reason that you couldn't build two levels (sort of like container homes) and stack them together on the final build site. Of course, if you do this, it will no longer be a movable tiny house.

The costs to do all these things goes up and up and you might find that you are not so far away from a custom "small" house and should consider a fixed foundation rather a mobile one. If money is really no object, the engineers here at ThinHaus can design anything you like and our build team can deliver ... including on-site construction.

But why?

If you want the best Tiny House on Wheels (THoW) designed and built by folks who get it, why not just let us do what we do. Maybe add a thing or two before delivery and off you go at a price that is totally managable.

Remember, this is a house and like every house ever built, it becomes yours the day you move in. Over the years, ThinHaus has made a lot of houses and every single one looks very different a month or two after we delivery it as the owners put their personal stamps on them. Shelves, pictures, curtains, furniture and nik-naks change them all. Landscaping makes a huge difference and that's totally custom for everyone.

Take your time and let it all evolve into your perfect living space as you go. Trying to make it perfect before you even move in is a exercise in frustration and then you'll change it anyway.

We'll give you the best starting point of any modern home at a price point that is more manageable than ever before. You take it from there and have fun with it ... and remember, you can really do anything so let your mind wander and go free. Tell us what your dreams are and we'll offer some more ideas and tell you what things "cost" in time, effort, money and long term maintenance. It all adds up to a perfect ThinHaus for you.

Truly, custom ain't crazy.