



Tiny House Blog

Entry #2 . . . Once Upon a Time

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ThinHaus builds small houses. We have been doing it for years & years and we've gotten quite good at it. Pour a foundation, put up a bunch of wood, add wires and pipes and some drywall, paint it and add a stone yard (this is Arizona, after all) ... and presto, you have a house! Our buyers tell us that we build really nice houses. We don't cut corners and are attentive to details.

But something has changed. Our buyers were having trouble paying for the houses that we build. The banks have made things miserable and saving up for a down payment has become almost impossible. People and jobs are moving around and the American dream of home ownership is just that ... a dream.

Our buyers were asking, "Can you build a great house for less?"

That's when we found the tiny house world and ThinHaus started designing and building great houses for less ... a lot less!



ThinHaus Model A2410 ~ Onyx

ThinHaus is the sum of a thousand steps that starts with a list of things you want and then finding ways to make them happen. For example, you wanted our homes to feel spacious even though they were small. Our solution for this is two part: go to 10' wide so the stairs are next to the bathroom and not taking up space in the main living areas and going with a more "boxy" shape to get the most cubic living volume possible within the limits of a moveable house. The result is an amazing living space that really does feel bigger on the inside!

We wanted to use the most high tech materials that we could find. Steel in a million different forms makes a super strong and light weight house. Once you come to learn how to do it, steel houses are actually less costly and longer lasting than wood (which is probably why modern office buildings are made this way) and can be built according to the International Residential Code ... just like any other house.

A house must be made to protect you and your family from the elements. It must keep out the rain, while keeping you warm (or cool if you live where we do) and do it for a long time. It can't bend in the wind while still be moveable if that's what you want to do.

Walking into a ThinHaus gives you a warm feeling with options. We have learned over the years that a house becomes a reflection of the owner so we leave it to you to make it what you want. A ThinHaus has space, lots of space for you to mold into something all your own.

How do we do all these things? One step at a time and welcome anyone and everyone's ideas. A ThinHaus is actually the collection of the tiny house world's best ideas. When we see something everyone likes, we add it ... and, of course, we eliminate things no one wants. Our genius is perhaps finding ways to do difficult things and the recognition that we don't know it all ... but you do.

Also, being flexible helps. What's great for some may not be so great for others and we try to make a home that can accommodate anyone and everyone. A ThinHaus is easy to adapt to you. You can add solar and go off-grid if you like. You can travel with it if you like. You can add pieces to it and make it more of a ranch if you like. It works in cold places, hot places, mountain places, forest places and beach places. One size can be easily adjusted to fit all.

Take a look at ThinHaus with transparent walls to see what we mean ...

<https://youtu.be/z6YCjoLU86I>

The plan was to build a great house for less ... and we think we're there!

For more data and building details concerning the ThinHaus Model A2410~Onyx, email to: [engineering@thinhaus.com](mailto:engineering@thinhaus.com) and we'll share the specifications and techniques that we use to build our industry leading ThinHaus.