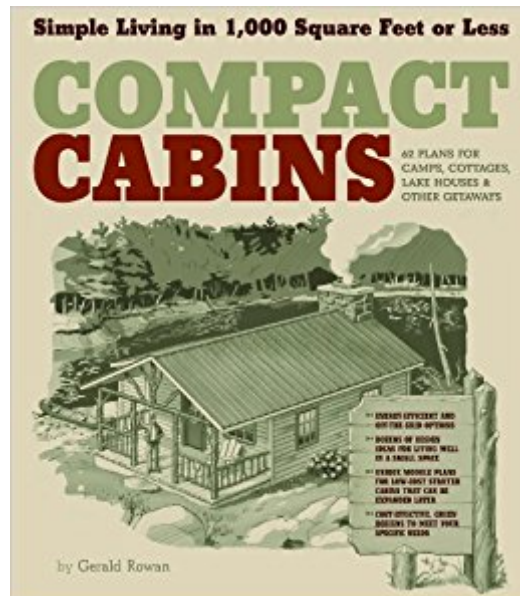




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# Compact Cabins: Simple Living In 1000 Square Feet Or Less



## Synopsis

In the woods, on a mountaintop, or at the water's edge, a small cabin can fulfill big dreams. With attention to efficient living and minimizing energy footprints, Gerald Rowan provides 62 designs for compact and creative buildings that are flexible enough to fit whatever your needs may be. Rowan includes detailed floor plans with plenty of modular elements that make the designs adaptable and easy to recreate with cost-effective, low-maintenance materials. Make the most of the cabin you call home, regardless of its size.

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## Customer Reviews

Some of the designs in the book verge on the vacation-home look, but many are appealing in the way they play with the traditional presentation of a cabin. I was intrigued by the Micro Cabin at mere 162 square feet.

Gerald Rowan is the author of *Compact Cabins*. Retired from full-time teaching, he now teaches architectural history part-time at various schools in Pennsylvania, including Lehigh University and Haverford College. He has owned and renovated more than 60 small houses and cabins.

I bought this as a gift for the "geek" of the family who has everything. I thought it'd be an easy read and a creativity-inspiring little book. We joked he could build a compound of compact cabins for the entire family. The book is short and the cover is pretty much the color-motif of the whole book. I wish

there were more small cabins that are 1,000 SF as opposed to ones that are 100 SF. But, it's a quirky read and something different.

This book is great. I love how it keeps it simple and easy to read and understand. The beginning shows a range of floor plans increasing the square footage as you flip through. Then the book breaks down different material, how to customize your own floor plan, and options to reduce costs. I love how it focus's on how to maximize energy use as well. If you are looking for something that will provide you many options and ideas to make your own plan, this is the the book for you.

Disclaimer: I'm a new home builder with no experience. I am at the very beginning stages of designing a tiny home. I've seen lots of really cool pictures of shipping containers with gardens on top and mansions build into trees, but I was looking for a little more realistic approach. I skimmed this book at B&N and was a little hesitant. The blueprints seemed too boring and there wasn't enough information. However, for only \$10, I thought the kindle version was at least affordable. So I bought it. My girlfriend and I have been glue to this book for the past three days. It has taken our planning to the next level. Just enough pictures to communicate the ideas without extra rants about how bad the housing market is right now. I really appreciated the down to earth approach this books takes.

A perfect marriage between downsizing into a tiny home and living in the wild. Nobody really needs much room to comfortably live, so these are perfect examples/plans of how to live small without cramping your style... especially if your stay is that of cabins.

Small little cabins just what I wanted

Wonderful book for small home enthusiasts. Creative designs with easy to look at diagrams. Is complimented by solid text addressing the strengths and situations of the homes. Was a very fun book to look at and imagine walking through the homes. Houses ran on the larger side of what interests me personally but I would still recommend this book to cabin, small home, and tiny house enthusiasts alike.

This book is wonderful. I am in school for interior design/architecture and so I am critical about design. This book is designed in a very easy to understand fashion, with endless tips and

mix-and-match options for compact living. But, you could apply these design ideas in larger spaces also (using light and ceiling height to expand a spaces "feeling", traffic paths, storage ideas, organization, use of solar power, use of RV components, etc). There are also several chapters on ways to make the most of the space, and to design "green". You can use many of these designs on land with limited utilities as well. This is worth the purchase price and a treasure I will keep in my library. The writer is create, realistic, budget friendly, and clearly has years of experience!

I'm only halfway through this book (I've only made it through the section with floorplans) but so far I love this book. Other design books I've looked at barely discuss floorplans, and instead focus on more technical aspects of design. This book is a great resource for ideas on how to design a cabin, window placement, flow of a cabin, etc. It's given me some great ideas about cabin details and design that I haven't come across in other books, and I appreciated the range of sizes in this book (from very tiny cabins, to larger cabins one could comfortably live in full-time). The designs are clear and easy to understand, and the book itself is quite aesthetically pleasing, made from recycled paper that feels nice in your hand.

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