

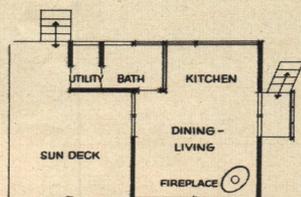
# Our 1960 *build-it-yourself* Vacation Cabin

This year's vacation cabin is planned for lighthearted living, and getting away from it all, and the other stuff of which dreams are made, but the materials to build it cost only a down-to-earth \$2,098.27.



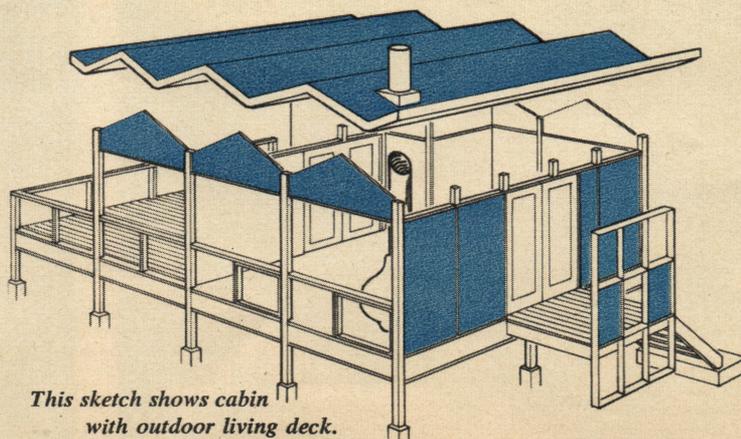
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*A broad wood deck adds outdoor living and dining space, and something of the charm of a children's tree house.*



## PLAN AND CONSTRUCTION

The cabin was designed on a 4' module to accommodate standard-size materials and simple panel construction. Deck, of 2" x 6" fir planks, adds 288 square feet of outdoor living space.



*This sketch shows cabin with outdoor living deck.*



*An entire wall of glass opens the cabin to light and view; the jaunty, angular roof gives it style and distinction.*

What most of us want in a vacation house is simple carefree living. We'll settle for a small, one-room house to start with, and perhaps add onto it later. We want it to cost as little as possible, and therefore are willing to wield the hammer and paintbrush ourselves. Here is proof that the dream can come true: the *Woman's Day* 1960 vacation cabin, designed by a husband-and-wife team of architects, E. H. and M. K. Hunter. We built it in New Hampshire, but it is suitable for seashore or country, anywhere.

It is a one-room house with bathroom, kitchen and storage space, plus a broad wood deck for outdoor living. It has an air of lighthearted exu-

berance, but is thoroughly practical; in fact, it can be built by an accomplished amateur carpenter with the aid of two strong men to help lift and install the roof sections. The cabin rests on posts which can be cut longer or shorter, to fit the contours of any plot. All wall, roof, ceiling and floor panels are Douglas Fir Plywood. Roof sections, which can be assembled in advance and stacked ready for on-site erection, are panels of plywood nailed and glued to both sides of fir frames, with a layer of insulation between. The total cost of building materials: \$2,098.27. This does not include cost of plumbing, wiring or kitchen equipment.

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# Vacation Cabin *continued*

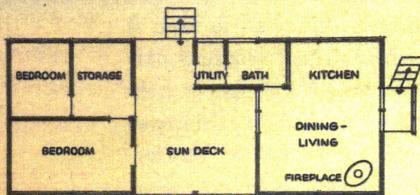
Inside, the cabin is light and airy;  
you feel as if you can reach out and touch the trees.

## ONE BIG ROOM FOR LIVING AND DINING

One big room, 15' x 19'6", is arranged for living, dining, cooking, sleeping and, just as important, enjoying a view of trees and sky. One glass wall plus glass doors and clerestory windows make the house airy and bright. The furnishings are simple and practical; the color scheme is a cool turquoise, beige and white, enlivened by orange and yellow accents. There is 9' of wall space for kitchen equipment, which can be closed off by a bamboo curtain. Hearth is 4" x 4" ceramic tiles, laid in a wood frame.

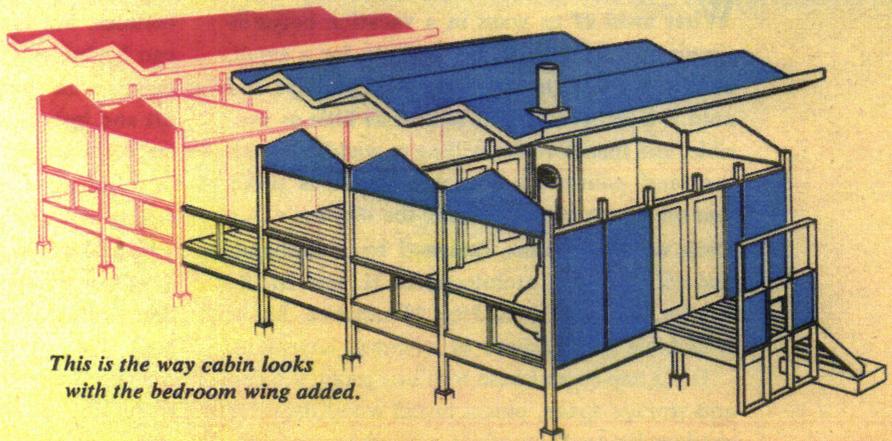


*Space for kitchen is strategically located, can be closed off by sliding curtain.*



### PLAN FOR BEDROOM WING

Two bedrooms and a large storage room, 16' x 20' overall, can be added on beyond deck. The addition is designed on 4' module, for same simple panel construction as original cabin.



*This is the way cabin looks with the bedroom wing added.*

*Please turn to page 80 for cost breakdown.*



*Living area is light and bright and airy; it also has good wall space for a comfortable arrangement of furniture.*



#### ◀ DECK FOR OUTDOOR LIVING

A broad wood deck, partly under roof, makes a fine spot for communing with nature, for outdoor living and entertaining. (Or, it might be screened and used for extra sleeping quarters.) Note that the cabin's supporting posts are of varying lengths, to fit contours of plot. This is a very simple kind of foundation to build.

For plans and building directions, send your name, address and 35¢ (no stamps, please) to *Woman's Day*, VC 760, P. O. Box 1035, Greenwich, Connecticut.