

## Cost Cutting Tips For Building A Shed

Its not uncommon to hear a homeowner complain about the mess they have in their attic and in their garage, sometimes it even overflows to their very own living area. It seems that even though you have a big home, space is lacking. It's easy to understand why most homeowners would want to have a storage shed.

Not many of us have the money to either get a builder make a shed for us or get pre-fabricated shed kits to have our own storage sheds. Both of these can be costly. We will always ask about ways where we can cut costs.

The first aspect is always the most obvious. We can save lots of money if we do the job ourselves. Contractors mean a lot of money. Yes they can do the job well and you can be assured that you will have a shed that would last a long time. However, the costs typically are pretty huge so if you go this route be careful. Further, you can do it yourself so don't be afraid to get your hands dirty. Even with minimal carpentry skills, you too can build a strong, sturdy and aesthetically pleasing shed in your garden.

Scour for materials that can be recycled. Old wooden crates can still be used for flooring and for walls. Think of old pallets. Fallen trees can be cut and used for rafters and as foundation, maybe even a door. Recycling doesn't only save you money but its good for the environment as well. Don't worry about the old look of recycled materials because a can of paint can make any shed look stunningly beautiful and brand new.

Determine the size of the shed you will need. If you don't have much to store, you don't really need a huge shed, the smaller the shed you create the less materials you will need, which means less cost. If you already have a foundation such as a patio, a small shed may be able to fit on it eliminating the cost for laying the foundation.

If you have old wood that has been previously cut, don't just throw away the bits and pieces left behind. You can use this for trimmings and maybe even for shelves and window sidings. Drive around your town, renovations and demolitions are a good source for reclaimed materials. They can either be used as land fillers for foundation or for roofing materials. You can even go to your local junkyard and ask if they have aluminum or metal, which you can get for free or buy at a minimal price.

Building a shed doesn't mean that you have to burn a hole in your pocket. With a good [building plan](#), you will have an exact knowledge of all the materials that you will need, and with that you can now use your imagination to see recyclable materials to fit in your plans. You can save thousands of dollars if you are just patient and diligent enough in searching usable used items.

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