



Where to Start With Purchasing a Tiny House

- Master Tiny House Builder Chris March lends some practical advice for first-time, tiny home buyers.



Where do you start with purchasing a tiny house?

CM: Looking at photos of houses you like is a good place to start, but it's also important to get inside one if possible. You need to see what they're like in 3D. There are several tiny houses which can be rented now for holiday lets, but this can be expensive. We have a gallery of tiny houses at our location in Bishop Auckland, where people can tour them and discover what their personal taste is.

Is it necessary to have house plans before approaching a builder?

CM: This is going to depend on the particular builder you work with. Some will want everything mapped out before starting, but in my own case, people often just come to me with their ideas and I can work from a rough sketch.

How do I choose a builder?

CM: One of the biggest factors, is to look for someone with experience. If they've only constructed a few homes, it could be hit or miss. Although tiny houses are more inexpensive than a conventional house, they're still a sizeable investment. Try to see their work in person if possible and look for the quality of the materials they've used. At the very least, ask, for references which you can verify.

- *Chris March is a master tiny house builder, having built over 60 tiny houses, and is a specialist in mobile tiny homes. You can find more information on Chris and selecting a tiny house at: www.tinyecohomesuk.com*