Custom Playhouse

We have several Carpentry and Home Design/Build classes that build small structure like playhouses. Yestermorrow’s students often begin their course as novice carpenters, but because our classes are well-supervised by professional carpenters, the final products are very high quality.

Costs

Generally speaking, involving a Yestermorrow class in your project provides a premium product at below-market prices, as we do not charge for labor. Yestermorrow purchases high-quality lumber and hardware, and charges clients for materials costs plus a 20% markup, which helps cover wear and tear on tools and other expenses associated with running the class. In some instances, clients have materials on-hand already; we try to be as flexible as possible in those situations.

To customize your playhouse, you will work with one of our instructor to create buildable plans 3 months prior the beginning of the class. Design and project management fees of $50/ hour will be applied to this process. Costs vary significantly based on the dimensions, design intricacy, material choices, and other factors—recent projects have averaged $1,500 - $4,000.

Site prep: The playhouse could be build on client’s property, if the location is within 25 minutes’ drive from Yestermorrow’s campus. The playhouse are built on pressure treated skids and will withstand many years of ground contact, however we recommended a 4-6″ gravel base. This level gravel base will help assist drainage around the site to give your cabin an extended life. Concrete blocks and gravel base is a good option.

Delivery: If the construction happen at Yestermorrow, the playhouse will be available to pick up a day after the end of the class. A flatbed tow truck is recommended to transport the playhouse. We have a good relationship with Hap’s, a towing company next to us. They moved structures for us many times. They charge $70 for loading and $3 per loaded miles during regular hours on week days. Extra fees could be apply if the delivery is complicated due to site access and condition. The playhouse measurements should not exceed road transportation limitation which is 8-6” W and 13-6” H.

Permit: It is up to the client to obtain a building permit and do the preliminary site work prior to installation!
In many municipalities no permit is required for an accessory building of less than 100 square feet. But, if you are unsure about the building code requirements, I will suggest to contact your local department of planning and zoning.

Our insurance cover the project for any damage while on campus, but as soon as the structure leave our site, we are no longer responsible.

Project Completion: Though we make every effort to select projects that we can complete within the confines of a given course, we make no guarantees about providing a finished product. There is a possibility that the client will need to finish the project him or herself, or hire someone to do so.

If you like to submit a project idea. Please communicate with genevieve@yestermorrow.org.

We hope the above is useful to you and please, let me know if you require additional information or further clarification.

Sincerely,

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