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## [Cost Cutting Tips When You Build a Shed](#)

It's 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.

In these economic times, 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. Affordability will always be an issue and 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, and with a few extra bucks they would also make your shed extremely beautiful. But so can you. 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.

Those of you not familiar with the latest on Build A Shed now have at least a basic understanding. But there's more to come.

Scour for materials that can be recycled. Old wooden crates can still be used for flooring and for walls. Fallen trees can be cut and used for rafters and as foundation, maybe even a door. Recycling doesn't only save you money but it's good for the environment as well. Don't worry about the old look of recycled materials, a can of paint and a headful of creativity 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 cut some wood, 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. And there you have it. You can save thousands of dollars if you are just patient and diligent enough in searching usable used items.

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