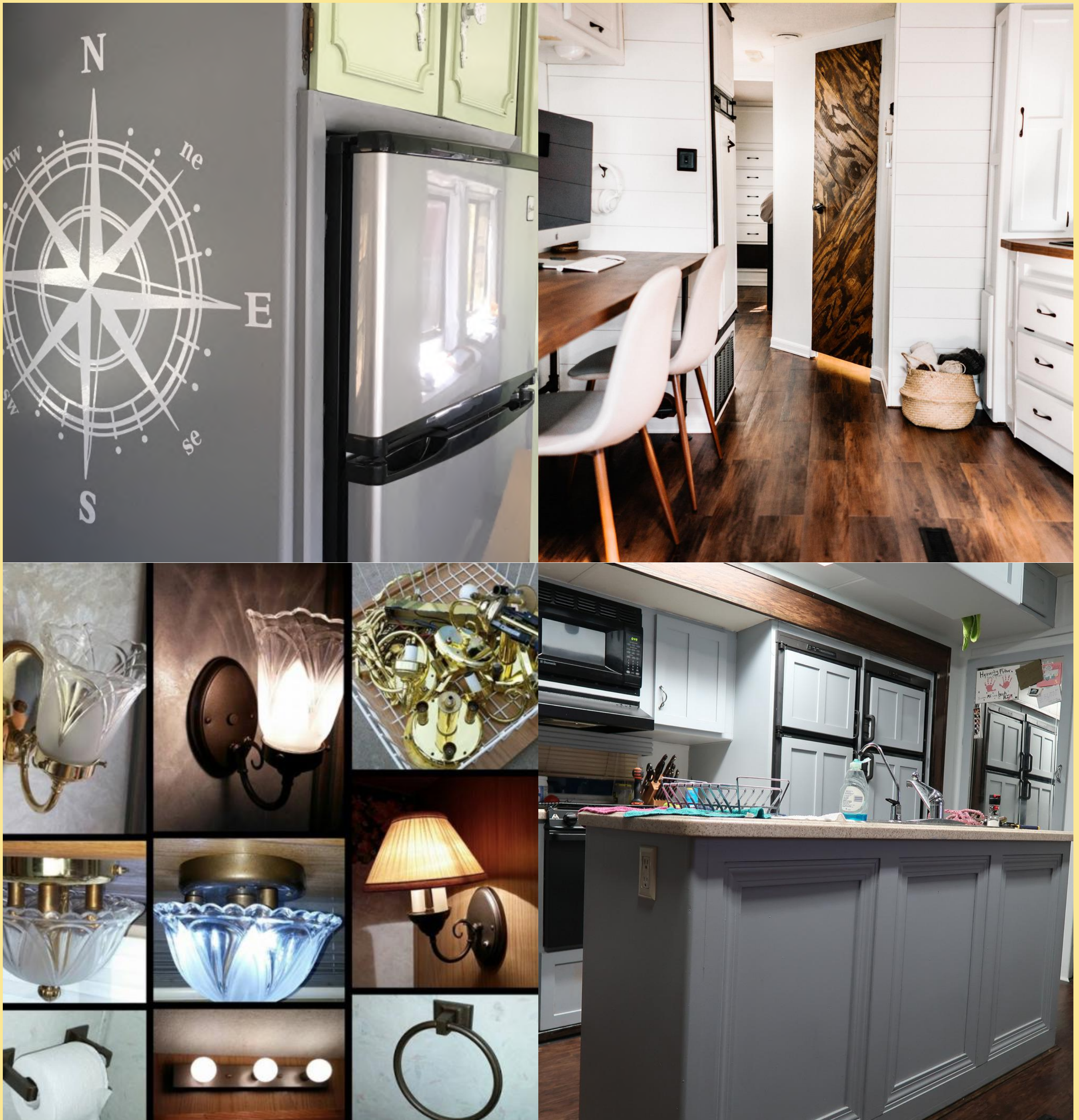


101 RV RENOVATIONS TIPS

to help you go from camper to glamper!



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"Wow! This book has it all. I can't wait to get started!" --You

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CHAPTER ONE

Paint

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Do not use a matte finish. Seriously. Take my word for it. A good semi gloss will do my friend.

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Now is not the time to get cheap. Spend the extra moolah and get the good paint.

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One coat is not going to look very good. Make sure you're not skimping on the coats, okay?

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You're painting in a small space. Don't forget to open your windows and turn the fan on.

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CHAPTER ONE

Paint

- 5** Sand everything. The walls, the doors to cabinets, it all. A fine sandpaper will do the job.
- 6** Now clean the walls. Use warm water then TSP to degrease and remove debris you can't see.
- 7** Let dry for 48 hours. Or however long you have. I'm not the RVremodel cops.
- 8** Prime with KILZ. This is a mold killing primer. Just go ahead and use it to be on the safe side. After all, this is a camper we're painting here.

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CHAPTER ONE

Paint

9 You can paint over wallpaper.

10 Removing a border? Use a hairdryer to loosen the glue and very slowly peel it off. Take your time with this.

11 To remove sticky stuff from walls, try something nontoxic like dry ice, coconut oil and heat, or lemon essential oil.

12 Wrinkles in the wallpaper? Use a metal putty knife to scrape the surface flat.

13 Use painter's tape for Pete's sake.

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CHAPTER ONE

Paint

14 A spray gun will save you a ton of time, but be prepared. Have a roller at the ready to roll out drips in your work as they form.

15 While an oil based paint is more durable, many report it has a very strong smell. It also is harder to paint over in the future. Most RVers use a latex paint for their projects.

16 Palleton.com is a great site to use to help you pick out colors for your paint scheme. Remember, it doesn't have to be white!

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CHAPTER ONE

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A classic white paint job in the bedroom by 188sqft.com

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Less traditional, more funky flare by boondockorbust.com

CHAPTER ONE

Paint

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Very light blue walls with a darker gray/blue on the cupboards and island by yours truly

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A splash of fun color among clean white walls by 188sqft.com

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Flooring

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Do not use a flooring that is too thick if you have slides. The slides can damage the floor.

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Things will seem chaotic. Don't give up soldier! There is light at the end of the tunnel.

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Don't forget to check flooring recommendations. Some brands shouldn't be used in RVs. When in doubt, go to the manufacturer website.

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4 Removing the current carpet/linoleum doesn't take much effort. Just find a corner to start in and get to pulling.

5 Carpet and padding under slides? Grab some long pliers and just start yanking. It's annoying but effective.

6 Pick your flooring:

- luxury interlocking vinyl/vinyl plank
- peel & stick vinyl
- new carpet
- sheet vinyl or linoleum
- floating laminate wood
- tile
- engineered hardwood
- cut your own wood
- paint with a shiny coat

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Flooring

7 Some have reported peel & stick issues in humidity. Some have not.

8 With vinyl plank that seems to be "moving," get out your nail gun. Nail down a few corners as far under the slide as you can. This should stop movement.

9 Underlayment is not necessary, but may help with insulation. It can also make your floor a little softer to walk on.

10 If you have a partner helping with the reno, take turns pulling staples. #yourewelcome

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11 **Motorhome remodel?**
Install insulation around the doghouse to reduce heat and sound. Check out mountainmodernlife.com for an example.

12 If you go with vinyl sheet, buy a chalk line tool to help you with measurements and cuts.

13 Installing planks lengthwise in your RV will make it appear longer, and prevent buckling/separation during a move. **BUT** arranging them in a fun pattern will make your RV appear cooler. Your call.

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A dark floor shows everything, but it looks super pretty.

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Flooring can be used to create great contrast, as seen by This Little Adventure

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Flooring

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Yours truly went with a very dark vinyl floating floor. It was very easy to install.

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Light hardwood floors in this RV owned by pookieandthebear.com

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CHAPTER THREE

Organization

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If you have too much stuff, no amount of organizing is going to make you sane. Don't bring in too much stuff to the RV.

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Don't forget about the shower. It makes for an excellent spot to hide all your dirty laundry.

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Don't leave things unsecured before moving your RV. It could ruin all your organization. Tie things down. Put loose items in a bucket, etc

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Organization

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Belt and tie racks are useful for hanging bags, cardigans, tanks, scarves, and gloves

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Hanging wall organizers can create a lot of storage space cheaply

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Cascading hangers are also a great way to fit more clothing into a small space.

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A heavy duty canvas bag works wonderfully as a hanging laundry bag.

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Organization

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Containers are handy to create a kid's closet from a cabinet.

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Use bins on the floor of your closet to keep it more organized and clean.

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Roll your clothes instead of a traditional fold.

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Jewelry can be stored as wall decor.

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Realize that command strips and velcro are your best friends in the RV.

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13 A magazine holder is perfect for storing canned goods. It holds a lot and they don't move around in transit!

14 Use a rolling cart for fruit and veggies. It keeps them out of the way!

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Use your shower as a closet. Install a rod and hang any clothes that won't fit in your closet here.

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Not much of a baker? Use the oven as storage. Personally, I put my dog's items in here.

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Organization

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Nesting bowls are a fabulous way to save kitchen cupboard space without sacrificing what you need.

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Less is more. Keep as much off counters as possible for a nice clean look.

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CHAPTER FOUR

Kitchens

- 1** Cover the dinette cushions. You can use a no-sew method with safety pins and ironing board cover fasteners.
- 2** Cribsheets can also be used as covers.
- 3** Turn the booth into a pet crate for your dog or cat while the RV is in motion.
- 4** Don't be afraid to completely remove your dinette if it isn't working for you, or modify it to better serve your needs.

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Kitchens

5 An RV fridge usually has a wood front. Go ahead and paint it!

6 Feeling a little more contemporary? Try a peel-and-stick paper. The best part is it's removable!

7 Try a chalkboard or white erase board look.

8 Purchase a replacement refrigerator panel. Dometic and Norcold sell them custom-fitted to your unit.

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Kitchens

9 If you decide to paint, don't be afraid to paint top and bottom different colors.

10 Use the cabinets as a way to add color to your RV. Paint them a color you love that really stands out from the wall color.

11 Replace the hardware if you don't feel like painting. Or update by painting the hardware with rustoleum.

12 Add decorative inserts on them instead of paint. Chalkboard contact paper is a great choice.

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CHAPTER FOUR

Kitchens

13 Make a magnetic spice rack. [Click here for the perfect instructions.](#)

14 Store fruits and veggies in hanging baskets or over-the-door basket. You could also mount a basket on the wall.

15 Use the inside of kitchen cabinet doors to mount storage baskets.

16 Attach hooks to the wall, and place the ends of the saran wrap (etc) into the hooks. This creates an easy station to wrap all of your food.

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Kitchens

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This concrete countertop by 188sqft was a DIY project.

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A backsplash will brighten up any kitchen. Here is one by RV Jedeye.

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CHAPTER FIVE

Bathrooms

- 1** Print out wall decor from Pinterest. It's easily swapped out and a cheap way to add personality to your bathroom.
- 2** Hang storage containers or pods to hold toothpaste and brushes.
- 3** Buy a hanging wall organizer for towel storage. Hang with tension rods.
- 4** A backsplash isn't just for your kitchen. Add one to the bathroom instead of painting.

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CHAPTER FIVE

Bathrooms

5 Shower caddies are almost essential if you use the shower in your RV.

6 Install a tension rod across the top of your shower and hang baskets there for storage.

7 A wall mounted dispenser in the shower saves you a lot of clutter.

8 Buy an over-the-door hook to put your shower bags if you don't use the RV shower and opt into campground facilities instead.

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CHAPTER FIVE

Bathrooms

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It doesn't have to be complicated. I got this item at Walmart.

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The Frugal RVer opted out of privacy in their skoolie. Here, they have a curtain around their compost toilet.

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CHAPTER SIX

Water Damage

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Do not attempt to repair a major roof leak. Get a professional's help. This is a very intense job.

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Do not give up on yourself. Fixing water damage is really labor-intensive, but it's not impossible.

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Don't rely on your memory for this job. Document the process with notes and pictures. This will help you when you have to put everything back together.

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Water Damage

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You have got to find the root cause. Don't stop tearing things up until you know for certain what is leaking.

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Be careful. Disconnect power when working around wires, etc. You may also have to disconnect propane if you need to remove the stove.

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This requires a variety of tools. You'll need various pliers, drills, and utility knives to get you started.

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Use extreme caution when dealing with mold.

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Water Damage

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Be gentle when removing cabinets. You'll want to put them back.

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If frames are not easily removed, look for more screws. Don't force removal. Again, you don't want to break your cabinets.

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Keep things very organized when working.

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KILZ mold primer should be applied onto any and all wood.

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Silicone and Flex-Seal work great for resealing.

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Water Damage

13 Use wood putty to repair damaged wood.

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14 The easiest way to repair water damage is to cut off/out the damaged wood and replace it with new.

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15 Eternabond tape can be a temporary fix.

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16 Use rubberized underlayment after replacing wood to protect from damage should something leak again.

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CHAPTER SIX

Water Damage

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Reseal even if there are no signs of damage as a preventative measure.

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Don't stop just because there is a cabinet in the way. I must repeat, FIND THE SOURCE!

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