



03/11/12: Site Selection  
(located behind current shed)



04/11/12: Begin Layout (10' x 20')



Start the digging!  
15 footers in all (2'x2'x2')





3 yards of limestone delivered



Just a few more to go...



Footers now dug and filled...time to level the bricks.



Careful now, careful! One wrong move and...



04/29/12: Back up here again...finished leveling the foundation footers.





Jeff joined me this trip...time to build the floor.



We made good progress for a day's worth of work.



06/09/12: Mike Endres joined me for this next phase...the truss build!



Floor complete, trusses done...next phase, wall raising!  
But that will be for next trip.



07/04/12: Back up on Independence Day. Despite incredible hot days, I got some work done. Here the first wall is raised.



A view from above...



Finally...starting to look like something.



Covered up until next time...





‘Next time’ happened on August 4<sup>th</sup>. First step was to finish the last of the trusses, but first I had to modify a few to allow for an open ceiling and access to the loft.



With trusses done, I then began to install the roof sheathing. I had to build some sturdy scaffolding first however to insure sure-footing up there.



08/05/12: Good to be back!  
I've got to get the roof sheathing done.



Also installed all of the fascia/gable trim.  
The ole Atkins cross-cut was put to good use!



08/18/12: Goal this trip...shingle the roof!! But first, I had to build more scaffolding ☹️. It took a couple of hours to build, but well worth it since now I had a solid platform to walk on.



Making progress...one heavy bundle at a time!



I got 'er done!  
Body is broken...time for a beer 😊.



09/01/12: Labor Day weekend. 6 months since start of project.  
Back on ground level...time to sheath the outside!





One sheet at a time. This really shores up the stability of the structure.



Ok, enough fun stuff...back to work. Moisture barrier applied to finished wall.



The view from inside!



But a better view with the window installed!



09/14/12: Back up with another helper...AIDAN!!



We got the north wall done and most of the west wall sheathed and papered.



That will do it for this trip! Thanks for the help son!



09/29/12: Jeff lent his helping hand again this weekend. I put him on saw duty with the 'ole Atkins crosscut.

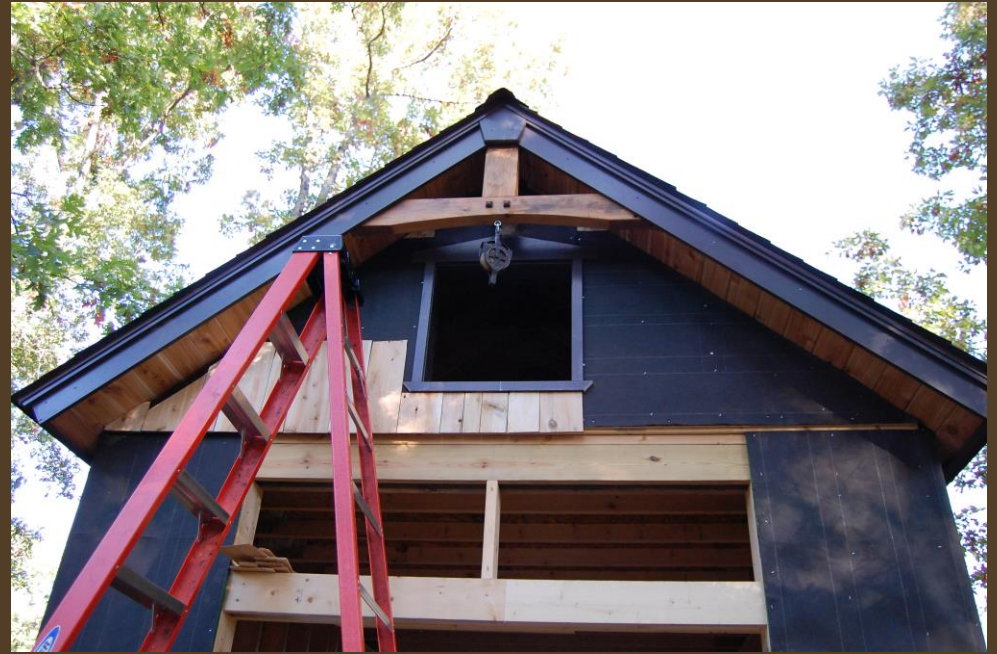




Next we installed cedar soffit boards for the gable overhang.



With the soffits done and the loft door done, we finished sheathing the gable end.



Now a little finish framing around the loft door.



Here is the loft door with the finished framing.



The final step to complete the gable end is to install the cedar shake siding. We began the process but ran out of time and had to wrap up for this weekend.



That's a wrap! Thanks  
for the help Jeff!

It's officially fall and I'm  
almost done with the  
exterior.



10/06/12: First weekend of the archery deer season! Managed to do just a little work on the west gable end. Installed loft door and laid a few more cedar shake shingles.



11/05/12: I applied the first boards and battens for the siding. This shot shows the last progress made for 2012. Will take up the project again in 2013 when the weather breaks.





04/20/13: Welcome to 2013! It's just over a year since I started this project, and I'm glad to be back at it again. She held up mighty fine through the winter and now I will work to get 'er done before fall.



First order of business is to fill in the soffit of the east gable end with T&G cedar 1x6s. Using the trusty Atkins x-cut to custom fit each piece.



Next the fun part! Installing 1x8 cedar board siding.



That's a wrap for this trip. Thanks for watching and see you next time!!



04/26/13: Joined again by my favorite partner for a weekend of work and fun!



First, a little bit of work. Spent the afternoon trimming out the east window.



Then some fun...a competitive game of baseball!!



Then some more work...Aidan putting his muscles to work to clear the abundant leaf litter from last fall.





This is where we left off with the shed...until the next time!



05/11/13: Back up with Aidan for the weekend! Just a little bit of work done on the shed. Our focus this time was wild leeks, morels, and....!!



BASEBALL!!



Took some time to check on the deer blind that we built in 2009. She's holding up just fine.



Just before heading home we checked on the robin's nest next to the old shed. To our surprise, the chicks were hatching right before our eyes!!



05/24/13: Memorial Day Weekend! We came up as a family to spend a long weekend up north together. First order of business on the shed was to complete the battens on the east wall.



Each batten received a 50 degree bevel cut at the top for water management. All cuts made with a 1930's Disston cross-cut saw. Nothing beats the finesse of a finely tuned hand-saw.



I spent the day installing more 1"x10" cedar boards on the south wall. Careful with that hand saw...this stuff is expensive!!





Aidan and I next worked on a little landscaping around the outside.



First we backfilled with gravel and then decorated with stones found on the property.



South wall exterior complete...just need to stain the new boards.



The process for each board was the same. First, cut each board to length. Then, on the top of each board cut a 45 degree angle for a snug fit to the soffit. Next drill at set intervals for fasteners using a jig. Finally, each board received a coating of caulk on the bottom to seal the end grain.



North wall almost done...just the battens left.



Another view...



06/21/13: Came right back up but not for the whole weekend. Only work completed was to finish staining the south wall.



07/05/13: Back up for the long 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. It wasn't nearly as hot as last year...weather was perfect for working. First job was to complete the staining job on the east and north walls.





One brush stroke at a time...slow and methodical...poor man's therapy.



Prepping the trim boards with a coat of primer.



With the corner boards done, I continued to work on backfilling with gravel and adding in the stone work. All stones were collected over the years on the property and a few were taken from Aunt Vi and Uncle Fred's house in Suttons Bay.



08/01/2013: Up again for another beautiful summer weekend! We brought an honored guest with us, Grandma Knittle!!



We enjoyed day trips to Pentwater and Ludington. On Saturday I was left alone at the cabin while they went to Glen Lake. My focus was to install and paint the door and transom window trim boards.

Closing her up for the weekend...I've got all the framing done for the doors and transom windows. I hope to install these during the next trip up. But first I have to find the time to build them!!



08/16/2013: Doug and I came up for a kayak trip down the Big M. I was able to install the transom windows I built at home.





I didn't know it at the time, but this would be the last bit of work that I would do for almost two years. Within a week after this picture was taken we made the big move from Dearborn out to Gregory. All of my focus was directed to establishing the farm, which has been the best move we've ever made.





07/03/2015: That's right...2015! It's been a 2 year hiatus from working to complete the shed. The farm has kept us very busy but its all been so worth it. After processing this spring's chickens I had a free day to devote to completing the doors. Next week we'll go up north to install them.



07/11/15: Well here it is!  
The finished product. Thank  
you Aidan for all your help  
and inspiration to get 'er  
done! Until our next project  
together...

A wooden shed with a dark brown shingled roof and a gabled front. The walls are made of vertical wooden planks. The front door is made of wood and features a small window with a white grid pattern. The door is secured with three horizontal wooden bars and black metal latches. A small window is also visible in the gable above the door. The shed is surrounded by lush green grass and yellow wildflowers. The background is filled with tall trees and dense foliage.

The End