



BUILDING CONVERSION GUIDE

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- How multi-purpose is a Cook shed?
- What can it be used for other than extra storage?
- How does a Cook building fit into my lifestyle?

These are questions we hear from potential customers every day. A Cook Portable Warehouse is a great place for your extra stuff but it can also be so much more!

Any of our versatile, diverse six building styles can be transformed into an extension of your home. Our building options include: Barn, Lofted Barn, Garden Shed, Garage, Lofted Garage and Utility. For more on the features and building standards of all our sheds, [read this!](#)

So think about the answer to this question: What do you need that you don't have the space for in your home now?

What about a home office, children's playhouse, man/woman cave or home gym? Here are 5 steps to make each conversion a reality in your Cook building.

HOME OFFICE

If you need a quiet place to work at home or are tired of not having a space of your own, a Cook shed can be changed into a home office. With just a few steps, your shed will be the place where you get work done!

1. If you're working with a computer and other electronics, you'll need electricity. A licensed electrician will have to complete and inspect the installation of wires or power cables for Internet access, lighting, phone lines and television hook-ups. Remember to add switch covers and any necessary lighting fixtures as well.
2. If you plan to spend a substantial amount of time in your home office, insulate the walls to protect against extremely hot and cold temperatures. Fill the entire wall surface and ceiling and don't forget about spaces behind electrical boxes. You might also want to add a space heater or fan.
3. Paint the walls with a light, neutral color to make the space look larger and bring a tranquil feel into your workspace.
4. If you plan to use the space to entertain clients, you will most likely need to add drywall, trim and floor coverings.
5. Then, add all those necessities, like a desk, chair, filing cabinet, computer, phone, file folders and office supplies. Finally, don't forget decorative elements like art, rugs, lamps or window treatments.



CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE

How about a place for your kids to call their own? An added bonus is it will keep some of their toys, games and other stuff from cluttering up the house. Here are some simple ways to make the perfect play space right in your backyard in your Cook building.

1. An important piece is having enough storage space for all their stuff! So install a shelving system for board games and larger toys and use bins for smaller items. Teach kids to clean-up after themselves every night.
2. Make a space for everything your kids like do. Stock up on coloring books, paper, paints, crayons, Play-Doh and other crafting supplies.
3. Use their artistic creations as wall art by hanging them up around the space. Then, you won't have to keep finding room on your refrigerator for their great creations.
4. You can also make different corners of your shed into different areas like a stage, dress-up center, reading area or play kitchen.
5. Hang a chalkboard or dry erase board so kids can get creative there too! Or better yet, use chalkboard paint on the walls or pick another bright color to reflect the fun, jovial atmosphere.

MAN/WOMAN CAVE

We all need a place to just relax and spend some time doing the things we like to do! A Cook building can become your favorite place by just adding some special and personal touches.

1. Invest in some electronics like a flat-screen television, video game system, computer and a high-quality sound system. All these high priced items will be safe and secure thanks to Cook's locking door handle and 6-inch door hinges.
2. Add a refrigerator or mini-fridge for all those delicious beverages and yummy snacks. Or if you are extra handy, build a specialty bar area where you can serve your guests or even brew your own beer.
3. Don't forget an extra comfy couch, recliner or massaging chair for you and your guests to lounge on.
4. Add any special touches that reflect your distinct hobbies or interests like hunting, fishing, sports, a musical instrument, etc.
5. Adorn the walls with all your favorite memorabilia, photos and movie posters to make the space your own.

HOME GYM

Staying in shape and living a healthy lifestyle is important but an often unrealistic task with busy lives and crowded gyms. So turn your Cook shed into a workout space to exercise, do aerobics or just meditate and relax.

1. Stock up with supplies that fit into your budget like exercise machines or just simple items like free weights, kettle bells, resistance bands, stability balls, foam rollers and jump ropes. You can build up your stockpile over time to avoid any major expense.
2. Add a gym style surface with waterproof vinyl or rubber interlocking tiles or just invest in extra yoga mats.
3. Paint the interior space with a bright color to make your workout feel more upbeat. Or choose a shade of blue, which cools down the space, or yellow, which adds light to darker spaces.
4. Use bins and crates to hold towels, clothes, shoes and other workout supplies, a cooler for water and sports drinks and lamps to add light for nighttime workouts.
5. Add extra touches like framed pictures or motivational quotes to help you push through your toughest workout.



A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a green watering can, pouring water into a wooden planter box. The planter box contains several green plants with bright pink flowers. The background is a wooden wall with vertical slats. The watering can has '1 GAL' printed on its side.

Here are 4 ideas but really a Cook shed can become anything you want it to be!

From a hunting cabin, to a recording studio, to a bar, to a pantry, to a guest house, to a potting shed, to a hobby shop, to a teaching center, to a pet house, to a gift-wrapping room, to a recycling center, the options are endless!

But remember, large modifications should only be made to sheds if the customer owns it outright and not while under agreement through our Rent to Own program.

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