

Tips for student living:

Make a kitchen table and bed frame from garbage

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I have recently started living alone. For the first time, I don't have any roommates to mooch living equipment off of. So being the cheap ass I am, I have figured out some innovative, if raffish, ways of sprucing up the ol' homestead.

For those of you who are anti-social, procrastinated way too long to get roommates or are just plain cheap, these tips will help turn your cave into a humble abode.

The easiest way to make a kitchen table is with a 3 x 6 piece of plywood, some rope, and four hooks strong enough to hang the plank from the ceiling.

A bed frame is another necessity. If you're from one of the bigger, more central Canadian cities, you probably aren't comfortable sleeping on the floor with the servants, so this is particularly important for you.

Metal bed frames can be expensive,



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so if you can make one out of garbage, you're better off. The cheapest and most secure way to do this is to raid a construction site for a discarded piece of plywood. Aim for something close to your bed size, but don't be picky.

Once you have the plywood, the easy part is done. Now you need four leatherback sea turtles, alive or dead...Oh wait, wrong article. Sorry. You need four milk crates.

These cost money so your best bet is to gank them, either from a milk delivery person (watch out – they usually carry bear spray) or an unsuspecting restaurant. They have thousands of them. All you have to do is start lurking in back alleys.

So once you have your milk crates (grab a few extra for future projects) you're good to go. Throw the milk crates under the four corners of your plywood, throw your box spring and mattress on top, and catch some Zs. Hopefully the plywood is thick and heavy enough to support your body weight. You can also flip the milk crates on their side to create little storage spaces.

So there you go. Now you have a kitchen table and a bed frame, and still have enough money left over for a Colt 45.