

**Client Name:** Gregg

**Location:** Sperryville, VA

**LV Home Type:** LV

**Size:** 1150sqft

**Years lived in:** 2 Years

**Our Style:** Modern/Industrial, Anti-clutter

**The Inspiration:** We wanted a cabin in the mountains that was as simple as possible

**Favorite Element:** We love how it looks at night from the outside, how energy efficient it is, and the light!!!

**Biggest Challenge:** The window situation. Through a variety of miscommunications and mistakes, we wound up with white windows and doors that weren't the right spec. either. It wound up looking really good but at the time it seemed like the end of the world.

**What Friends and Family Say:** Either "It looks like a car dealership" or "That's the coolest thing I've ever seen".

**Proudest Do-It-Yourself Project:** Our faux woodpile, inspired by a 2-second glimpse of a room on CSI. The logs are 2" deep, stacked in the wall, but it looks like a real woodpile.

**Biggest Indulgence:** The fireplace added about \$5K to the project. We could have gotten oak floors for much less but wanted varied width, high quality wood. It would have been easy to cut that out. We could have also helped more and saved \$\$\$ (painting, for instance).

**Best Advice:** Read your construction contract. Require a full, complete, and final invoice for every stage (foundation, framing, electric, etc.). Pay on the schedule in the contract and account for everything as you go. Avoid surprises by requiring frequent accounting and communication in the contract and follow through!!! Surprises at the end are your fault as much as your contractors. We had and still have a great relationship with our contractor, but this is critical advice for people who have never built anything.

**Our Dream Source:** Ebay for almost everything

**Resources:** (flooring, windows, appliance, furniture, etc):  
It's been so long...

**Floors:** White oak, varied width planks, from a local mill

**Windows:** West Windows

**Appliances:** Gaggenau (Ebay), Miele (Sears clearance), GE Monogram (Ebay), and Fisher Paykel (Ebay)

**Counters:** Concrete ([www.eyecon.us](http://www.eyecon.us))

**Furniture:** IKEA Malm Beds, Crate and Barrel Teddy Sofa, Axis Table, Tufenkian Rug, CB2 Envelope Dining Chairs, Ligne Roset Togo Chairs (Ebay), IKEA Outdoor Chairs, and Coffee Table from a local store ([www.muleh.com](http://www.muleh.com))

**Plumbing Fixtures:** [www.faucet.com](http://www.faucet.com) and Ebay (tub)

**Tile:** Ebay

**Cabinets:** We made our cabinets ourselves (you could buy IKEA boxes and have someone make new doors or re-laminate IKEA doors)