Subject: Re: Where do you look for ideas? Posted by johnnycamp5 on Tue, 17 Sep 2019 21:00:42 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I search the web for ideas.

Punch in exactly what your looking for and add the word "diy" or "kit" or both.

I agree with Wayne.

Sometimes you must diy to get things exactly how you want.

I built a kit replica of a 1965 Shelby cobra years ago. This kit was like a blank easel....just a great starting point.

It was designed with a few things that I would not compromise on- exact 90" wheelbase (not stretched)- round tube ladder frame like the originals (although 4"D instead of 3"D and 1.20 wall thickness instead of .90) also a very accurate body laser measured from an original. The accuracy of the body was not exactly important to me, since even the originals varied quite a bit being hand made panels.

There was no way I was able to afford an original, or even a continuation series Shelby. Even the high end kits or replicas are way out of my price range. So diy kit it was!

A 427 side oiler was unobtanium for me, not to mention pretty much UN drivable, so I went the cheap route with a mustang (1990) donor car, using the motor and trans, front control arms and brakes. Obviously purists cried foul-It must have a big block side oiler!, it must be carburated!

What a blast that car was, cat on carpet handling and could scare the pants off of almost any passenger if they asked for it LOL.

It only weighed 2,300lbs after all..