Subject: Expenses and other factors
Posted by Aria on Sat, 23 Dec 2017 18:55:55 GMT
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How much more expensive would you say it would be to create a DIY project vs. buying a premade one? Would you consider the expense - both time and money - to be the biggest downfall? Is the best part of it the satisfaction of having built something on your own? Or do you like that you have more customization options or something else?

Subject: Re: Expenses and other factors
Posted by gofar99 on Sat, 23 Dec 2017 21:25:50 GMT
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Hi, IMO it could go either way. Individual components will cost more than the commercial guys pay for them, but then they also have to make a profit at every level from builder to sales staff.

Subject: Re: Expenses and other factors
Posted by Silver on Sun, 11 Mar 2018 19:58:45 GMT
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The personal satisfaction is the big one for me. Cost and time run a distant 2nd and 3rd if it's a project I've been wanting to do for a long time.

Subject: Re: Expenses and other factors
Posted by Jungle on Tue, 20 Mar 2018 18:15:05 GMT
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Subject: Re: Expenses and other factors
Posted by Khanman on Sun, 25 Mar 2018 21:58:33 GMT
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gofar99 wrote on Sat, 23 December 2017 15:25Hi, IMO it could go either way. Individual components will cost more than the commercial guys pay for them, but then they also have to make a profit at every level from builder to sales staff.

That's true. They've got to make money. Are there any stores, big chains or online, that offer discounted prices that might be closer to what the commercial guys pay?

Subject: Re: Expenses and other factors
Posted by Hank on Wed, 04 Feb 2026 15:48:27 GMT
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I will slightly disagree on this. I've built some speakers that cost me $9,000 building which I would have spent around $12,000 assuming I decided to buy from the stores. I didn't count the time that I spent building it, but I was very happy that I was able to do it myself.