
Subject: Projects for fun vs. saving money
Posted by [Porter](#) on Mon, 11 Feb 2019 15:27:20 GMT
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Do you mostly take on DIY projects because you enjoy doing them or because it helps you get better audio/video gear at a good price? Have you ever wound up with a project that was a time-suck or money pit? I enjoy working in my shop, but I think about the only project that saved me a lot of money was the hi-fi speakers I recently made. I've fixed a lot of stuff and souped-up plenty of gear, which also saves money, but it's a time investment. I guess I mostly just do it for fun.

Subject: Re: Projects for fun vs. saving money
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Mon, 11 Feb 2019 15:48:09 GMT
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I have been motivated about equal with the learning aspect, craftsman challenge and the savings to be had. I feel lucky that I found the two resources that fulfilled my audio curiosity and desire. My speakers and amplification came from diy sources.

Subject: Re: Projects for fun vs. saving money
Posted by [Jazzy](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2019 03:18:32 GMT
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My father loved to tinker in his free time. I would say that he did it for leisure and learning. As for me, I fix things that were broken, but not to really save money or for the fun of doing it.

Subject: Re: Projects for fun vs. saving money
Posted by [Madison](#) on Fri, 05 Apr 2019 14:39:44 GMT
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I'm primarily motivated to DIY because it saves money. I know that many things are cheaper to buy than they are to make from scratch, especially if you don't already have the materials and tools on hand. However, I save quite a bit by repairing minor things myself like the musical instruments we use. It just takes time to learn the necessary skills, then practicing to get it right.

Subject: Re: Projects for fun vs. saving money
Posted by [Groot](#) on Tue, 09 Apr 2019 01:33:43 GMT
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I go with saving money. I repair the broken equipment in our home in order for us not to buy a new replacement. I don't necessarily build my own audio setup, but I try to fix them myself when they are broken.

Subject: Re: Projects for fun vs. saving money
Posted by [Reggie](#) on Wed, 10 Jul 2019 13:14:21 GMT
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If I have the fortune of Tony Starks, then I would spend my money on tinkering things. In real life though, I would only try tinkering on something when it is already broken.

Subject: Re: Projects for fun vs. saving money
Posted by [Concorde](#) on Thu, 14 Nov 2019 17:49:06 GMT
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Most people I have known have done it for the cost savings. I grew up in a poor crowd. I'm one of the few in that crowd who ended up being able to do DIY type things for fun.

Subject: Re: Projects for fun vs. saving money
Posted by [Becky](#) on Sat, 18 Oct 2025 09:28:53 GMT
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I will go with saving money, it will help in a better long run. Any of my equipment that got faulty, I can repair them for the mean time while I wait to buy a new one when the money is complete.

Subject: Re: Projects for fun vs. saving money
Posted by [Hank](#) on Tue, 06 Jan 2026 07:22:49 GMT
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Personally, it is about 75% undiluted enjoyment and 25% the joy of getting top-quality audio gear for a fraction of the retail price.

I am always fascinated by the process- going to the workshop, taking measurements, cutting the wood, soldering deep into the night and the special feeling when you power the project for the first time.

There is this pride that I feel when I realise that I know every item that was used in building the Speakers, or the hi-fi rack. It screams "mine"!

The financial part is secondary, but I always count it because I can clearly remember using just \$2000 to build the last pair of floor-standing three-way speakers that I currently use in my place. If I had made a purchase, I would have ended up spending close to \$6,000 and the funny thing is that it might not have been built to my taste.

So, basically, I build certain devices myself because I enjoy doing it. I like the art of problem-solving, and to be able to execute the plan of constructing a DIY piece is awesome.
