



MOD POD

Craving a room of your own? How about a 10-by-10-foot pod? Designer and LIV Pods co-founder Lisa Kooistra worked with her husband, builder Ryan Kooistra, to create these multi-use winterized structures whose small footprint ensures they can be constructed without a permit in your own backyard (check regulations in your municipality). “Clients get to customise certain elements to make it their own,” says Lisa. “The exterior comes in more than 20 different colours to fit any environment, and there are many flooring options, too.” The creative couple will also help customize the interior – whatever the client needs to make the pod their own. “These structures are exciting in so many ways,” says Lisa, “but we also wanted to make sure we were creating something that was both functional and had a minimal environmental impact and footprint. The materials used are all carefully selected and made to last so these structures can stay with you or move with you.” The pods take about eight weeks to design and deliver, and range from \$28,000 plus tax, depending on custom finishes and delivery costs.

1 What inspired you to create LIV Pods?

We were inspired by our family tradition of renting a small cabin every year. The idea was to live simply and take time to appreciate the environment and elements around us. With a background in design and renovations, my husband and I wanted to take this concept and grow something that could enhance people’s lives. The pods can be an office, gym, studio or cabin! The possibilities are endless. They’re an easy option for a secondary space without having to do a major home renovation.

2 How are your LIV Pods a response to our times?

The concept behind the LIV Pods didn’t start with the idea of creating offices, but soon turned into this with the amount of people now working from home. That said, the pods can be adapted for any use. We love how these spaces can be an office and potentially evolve into another space that works for the owners down the road.

3 Can you see them developing into larger structures?

We definitely see these pods growing into larger structures for different lifestyles. The idea of creating extended getaways for people stems back to our initial inspiration. There would be extra work and [building] guidelines that would go into planning larger structures, but we would help make that process as easy as possible.



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