

## Blog Cabin: Episode Descriptions & Airdates

### Episode 201: From the Ground Up

**Highlight:** Blog It, Build It, Win It

**Online Winner:** San Jacinto Floor Plan, D-Log System

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Aug. 14 at 9 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Oct. 2 at 9 p.m. ET

**Description:** With the votes in and tallied, Ahmed Hassan, expert host of *Yard Crashers*, takes the *Blog Cabin* reigns to build this year's cabin. Hassan is charged with building a home – from the ground up – just the way DIY bloggers want it to be. Here to help are twin contractors, Chris Hodshon and Simon Hodshon. After setting a truly innovative and cutting edge foundation wall, Amy Devers, host of *Blog Cabin 2007*, stops by to give Hassan some tips and take a trip to the Barna Log Homes mill, where each log is processed before showing up on the build site. However, Devers does not come empty handed, she brings along a canoe for the men to build. Hassan and the twins begin the task of setting the log walls.

### Episode 202: Cool Cabin, Cool Tools

**Highlight:** The roof is installed with the help of Chris Grundy, host of DIY's *Cool Tools*.

**Online Winner:** Metal Roof

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Aug. 14 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Oct. 2 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Description:** Ahmed Hassan, Chris Hodshon and Simon Hodshon are hard at work when tool junkie Chris Grundy makes a dramatic entrance to the *Blog Cabin* site. Hassan gives a quick recap of the floor plan before heading up the hill to see the first of three "cool tools" of the day. The tools include a tool chest equipped with electrical outlets and lights, a cordless jigsaw with lasers and variable speeds and a cordless reciprocating saw with easy change blades. While Chris and Simon are busy laying the roof, Hassan and Grundy jump on a boat in a nearby lake. The boat takes them to a tour of the dam, where the coolest tool of all awaits – a lock that moves boats from waterway to waterway! When they return, Hassan helps with the roof and Grundy takes a jump in the lake before leaving the cabin.

### Episode 203: A Porch to be Reckoned With

**Highlight:** The DiResta brothers – John and Jimmy – hosts of DIY's *Hammered*, stop by to deck out the porch with unique furniture.

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Aug. 21 at 9 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Oct. 9 at 9 p.m. ET

**Description:** John DiResta and Jimmy DiResta help Ahmed Hassan use old lake gear to create one-of-a-kind porch furniture, including a water ski Adirondack chair, a swinging canoe chair and a rustic cedar porch swing. John DiResta takes a break from building to help local twin contractors, Chris and Simon Hodshon, to work on the 1,200 square foot wrap-around porch, while Jimmy DiResta and Hassan finish the Adirondack chair. The canoe is cut in half before being hung underneath the porch. Using left-over cedar logs, the rustic porch swing is created. Before leaving the cabin, John DiResta tries out the other half of the canoe in the water – only to fall into the lake!

### Episode 204: Heavy Metal & Heavy Rock

**Highlight:** Matt Blashaw, host of DIY's *Deconstruction*, drops by and has major plans for deconstructing energy efficient windows and constructing custom torches for the cabin's dual fireplace.

**Online Winner:** Metal Roof – Country Blend, Double Hung Windows, Wood Burning Fireplace, Stone Surround Fireplace

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Aug. 21 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Oct. 9, at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Description:** After making headway on the porches, the build moves forward by installing the winning options: wood burning fireplaces, the metal roof, double hung windows and stonemasonry around the fireplace. Matt Blashaw shows up with a few construction ideas for the dual fireplaces; a rustic log holder and an iron mantle holder, but he still does what he does best: Deconstruct! Hassan takes Blashaw on a trip to a local iron shop to forge firebricks for the fireplace and custom mantle holder. Everything is going to plan, when the stonemasons pull out of the job. Will the fireplaces get stoned, will the winning items be installed, and will the mantle go up before Blashaw leaves?

### Episode 205: State of the Arts and Crafts Kitchen

**Highlight:** Paul Ryan, host of DIY's *Kitchen Renovations*, is in the house to help make the kitchen into a chef's paradise.

**Online Winner:** Arts and Crafts Kitchen Cabinets, Under-Counter Kitchen Sink, Granite Kitchen Countertops, Side-by-Side Refrigerator and Bottom Freezer, Double Drawer Dishwasher, Kitchen Luxury Item – Warming Drawer, Granite Backsplash, Cabinet Hardware – Bar Pulls

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Aug. 28 at 9 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Oct. 16 at 9 p.m. ET

**Description:** Some people say the house revolves around the kitchen. Certainly for DIY's *Blog Cabin*, the voting did! With almost 700,000 votes for the kitchen alone, there was a ton of blogger input and excitement about all of the customizable features. To help Ahmed Hassan and Simon Hodshon tackle the big job, kitchen expert Paul Ryan was on hand. These guys reveal and install winning choices for cabinets, countertops, the sink, cabinet hardware, appliances and even a kitchen luxury gadget. Ryan and Hassan also share a do-it-yourself method for turning old hardwood floors into a beautiful butcher block. The kitchen is brought full circle as Hodshon reuses half of an old canoe to create a distinctive wine rack.

### Episode 206: Media Room Mayhem

**Highlight:** The *Blog Cabin* is full of testosterone as the crew prepares the man cave media room. Jason Cameron, host of DIY's *Man Caves*, arrives to show the crew the rules of constructing a man cave.

**Online Winner:** Home Theater Man Cave

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Aug. 28 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Oct. 16 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Description:** The bloggers voted for a media room in the basement area of the cabin so Ahmed Hassan invited Jason Cameron, the host of DIY's *Man Caves*, to turn a completely blank space into a manly media room. A few setbacks in the schedule have put them on edge, but it is nothing this motley crew cannot handle. Cameron quickly problem-solves a major construction issue, builds a custom bar and Chris Hodshon and Simon Hodshon add a rustic alternative to curtains – barn door shutters – a perfect touch to avoid glare on a very large screen TV. Tensions mount, tempers flare, but in the end, they all kick back and enjoy cocktails and popcorn.

### Episode 207: Patios, Pizzas and Problems

**Highlight:** Mama Mia! Dean Marsico and Derek Stearns, hosts of DIY's *Indoors Out* and *Rock Solid*, have lots of surprises up their sleeves as they turn the *Blog Cabin* patio into a dazzling outdoor room.

**Online Winner:** Circle Patio Floor Design, Outdoor Refrigerator

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Sept. 4 at 9 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Oct. 23 at 9 p.m. ET

**Description:** Ahmed Hassan and the *Blog Cabin* team head outdoors to start sprucing up the patio. A cobblestone floor starts off the transformation. Dean Marsico and Derek Stearns, expert hosts of DIY's *Indoors Out* and *Rock Solid*, have plenty more in store including a custom pizza oven, a soothing water feature, and a very special surprise requested by the bloggers: a hot tub! Marsico and Stearns provide tons of amusement for the team, but all the laughter stops when disaster strikes the *Blog Cabin*.

### Episode 208: Blogscaping

**Highlight:** As the inside of DIY's *Blog Cabin* comes together, the guys turn their attention to the landscape under the professional direction of Ahmed Hassan, also host of DIY's *Yard Crashers*.

**Online Winner:** Stone Hardscaping, Solar Path Lights

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Sept. 4 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Oct. 23 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Description:** Landscaping is a process that takes time and planning, and with Ahmed Hassan leading the way, there's no better man for the job. Hassan, who is also host of DIY's *Yard Crashers*, has been formulating a landscape plan since he first visited the site and now he gets to start on it. The crew tackles the backyard as they create beds, define spaces and build a detached patio that will eventually contain a fire pit! Twin contractors Chris Hodshon and Simon Hodshon build a privacy screen out of unconventional materials to surround the hot tub and pitch in moving boulders and installing native plants. Hassan also visits a local artist in search of a bird feeder for attracting wildlife to backyard. Everybody loves playing outside!

### **Episode 209: *This Old House*, *This New Cabin***

**Highlight:** *This Old House* meets this *Blog Cabin*! Expert DIY-er's Kevin O'Connor and Roger Cook from *This Old House* show up to work on the great outdoors and indoors at DIY's *Blog Cabin*.

**Online Winner:** Round Fire Pit, Workshop and Tools Garage Station

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Sept. 11 at 9 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Oct. 30 at 9 p.m. ET

**Description:** The area around DIY's *Blog Cabin* is the focus as Kevin O'Connor and Roger Cook from *This Old House* stop by the cabin to help Ahmed Hassan install the cozy winning addition to the blog landscape: a round fire pit. They don't stop there; they begin to turn the cabin into a home by installing the front door. O'Connor and Cook also lend a hand in the garage by installing flooring, a storage system and a stainless steel dog washing station.

### **Episode 210: *Bold Blog Bathrooms***

**Highlight:** Amy Matthews, host of DIY's *Bathroom Renovations* and *Sweat Equity*, comes to town to help Ahmed Hassan and the team put a little sweat equity into three of the *Blog Cabin* bathrooms.

**Online Winner:** Lakeside Zen for the Master Bathroom, Decorative Ornate Style for Guest Bathrooms, Oil Rubbed Bronze for Bathroom Fixture Finish, Master Shower-Power Shower, Luxury Bathroom Item – Warming Floor in Master Bathroom, Sherwin Williams "No Place Like Home" Paint Collection

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Oct. 30 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Description:** It's time to focus on bathrooms and this *Blog Cabin* sure has a lot of them. Amy Matthews, DIY host and bathroom expert, drops in to help Ahmed Hassan implement the bloggers' design wishes. She also added her own special touch to the master and second floor guest bathrooms. The voters asked for it, so they'll get a lakeside Zen master bathroom with bamboo floors, a rustic double sink vanity made from eco-friendly materials, heated floors and a special towel rack made from bamboo. Matthews and Hassan then focus on the two guest bathrooms and the decorative ornate style that bloggers chose. To keep the eco-friendly theme going, Matthews and Hassan are repurposing a garage sale find into a vanity for one bathroom and install cork floors in both bathrooms, courtesy of the online voters.

### **Episode 211: *Flooring and Storing***

**Highlight:** Karl Champley, host of DIY's *Wasted Spaces*, pays a visit to the *Blog Cabin* with helpful ways to store, hide and secure.

**Online Winner:** Golden Teak Hand-Scraped Flooring, Tile Foyer Floor

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Sept. 18 at 9 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Nov. 6 at 9 p.m. ET

**Description:** Ahmed Hassan gets a helping hand from everyone's favorite Australian builder and DIY's *Wasted Spaces* guru, Karl Champley. As the floors go down throughout the house, including a tiled entryway and hardwood in all the rooms, Champley makes use of the less visible areas. He outfits the pantry, handles some outdoor storage for the hot tub steps and even finds a home for a hidden safe. It's all about flooring and storing.

### **Episode 212: *Blog Bedrooms and Crafted Closets***

**Highlight:** Jimmy DiResta, host of DIY's *Hammered*, joins the *Blog Cabin* team to add a few DIY items to the cabin bedrooms.

**Online Winner:** Cherry Master Walk-in Closet, Tulip Popular Bookshelf, Sherwin Williams "No Place Like Home" Paint, Front Loading Washer and Dryer

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Sept. 18 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Nov. 6 at 9:30 p.m. ET

**Description:** Jimmy DiResta, expert host of DIY's *Hammered*, stops by *Blog Cabin* to help Ahmed Hassan create some gorgeous bedroom furniture, including a boat bed and fine cabinetry. DiResta helps Ahmed and the crew to construct a super cool boat bed for a nautical kid's room, and local contractors Chris Hodshon and Simon Hodshon put their woodworking skills to use on a beautiful shelving unit. The "his-and-hers" closets in the master bedroom also get the royal treatment with an exquisite organizational system install.

### **Episode 213: The Finish Line**

**Highlight:** Windows, doors, floors and walls! Now it's time to turn DIY's blog logs into a blog home with final details and touches that will make DIY's *Blog Cabin* special.

**Online Winner:** Cabin Name – Serenity Shores, Pendant Hanging Porch Lights, Tropic Cabana Islander Lake Toy, Sherwin Williams “No Place Like Home” Paint Collection - Great Room, Split Rail Fence, Twig Chandelier, Ash Lawn Outdoor Furniture, Natural Adirondack Chairs

**Premiere Date:** Thursday, Sept. 25 at 9 p.m. ET

**Encore Date:** Thursday, Nov. 13 at 9 p.m. ET

**Description:** Ahmed Hassan and his *Blog Cabin* crew are racing to finish the cabin. Hassan tackles the final landscaping which includes a custom split rail fence at the front of the property. Local contractors Chris Hodshon and Simon Hodshon light up the cabin with gorgeous fixtures and cool fans, and local artists stop by to add a few special touches. Designers give invaluable tips on how to decorate a lakeside cabin, and the *Blog Cabin* crew takes the viewers on a completed tour of the 2008 *Blog Cabin*, reminiscing all the way.

### **About DIY Network's Blog Cabin**

*Blog Cabin* is a groundbreaking multimedia experience based on a very simple idea: You Design It, We Build It, You Could Win It! This truly interactive series asks Internet users to vote on the design features for a real log cabin. Built by a roster of DIY Network's expert hosts, the process will be documented in the second season of *Blog Cabin*, the first-ever interactive home building series. Hosted by expert host **Ahmed Hassan**, DIY's *Blog Cabin* premieres on **Thursday, Aug. 14 at 9 p.m. ET** and airs every Thursday at 9 p.m. ET and 9:30 p.m. ET.

DIY Network's 2008 *Blog Cabin* is being built in cooperation with Barna Log Homes and Rustic Design Construction Group on a lakefront property provided by Lakefront Estates in Spring City, a bedroom community of Chattanooga, Tenn. For more information on DIY Network's *Blog Cabin*, visit www.DIYNetwork.com. DIY Network is available nationwide on DISH Network Ch. 111 and DirecTV Ch. 230. For additional cable channel designations, visit www.DIYNetwork.com/tv.

### **About DIY Network**

From the makers of HGTV and Food Network, DIY Network is the go-to destination for rip-up, knock-out home improvement television. DIY's programs and experts answer the most sought-after questions and offer creative projects for do-it-yourself enthusiasts. One of the fastest growing digital networks and approaching 50 million homes, DIY's programming covers a broad range of categories including home improvement and crafts. DIY's award-winning Web site, www.DIYNetwork.com, is a leader in the Nielsen/NetRatings' Home and Garden category. The site features broadband video channels including home improvement, crafts, automotive, gardening and woodworking, along with step-by-step instructions totaling more than 20,000 projects online.

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