

COBALT CABIN

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About the cabin

Cobalt Cabin is the first home built on the prefab, modular timber-frame system created by designer and builder Timon Phillips of Hut Design Build.

Phillips trained in Japanese timber framing and developed the system for one-room backyard studios on California's Central Coast. Zach and Tyler Glass asked whether it could work at the scale of a house, and a couple years later, Cobalt became the first of its kind. It is an 815-square-foot, two-bedroom cabin on a boulder-covered hillside in Yucca Valley, CA, about two hours from Los Angeles.

The house is built from a short list of materials, each used in more than one way. Sugar pine and plywood form the frame and interior. Cor-Ten steel wraps the outside. A butterfly roof floats above the walls to shade the house, and the whole structure rests on steel ground-screws instead of a concrete foundation. A 4x4-foot grid defines the design system with modular panels running through the ceilings, floors, walls, and built-ins.

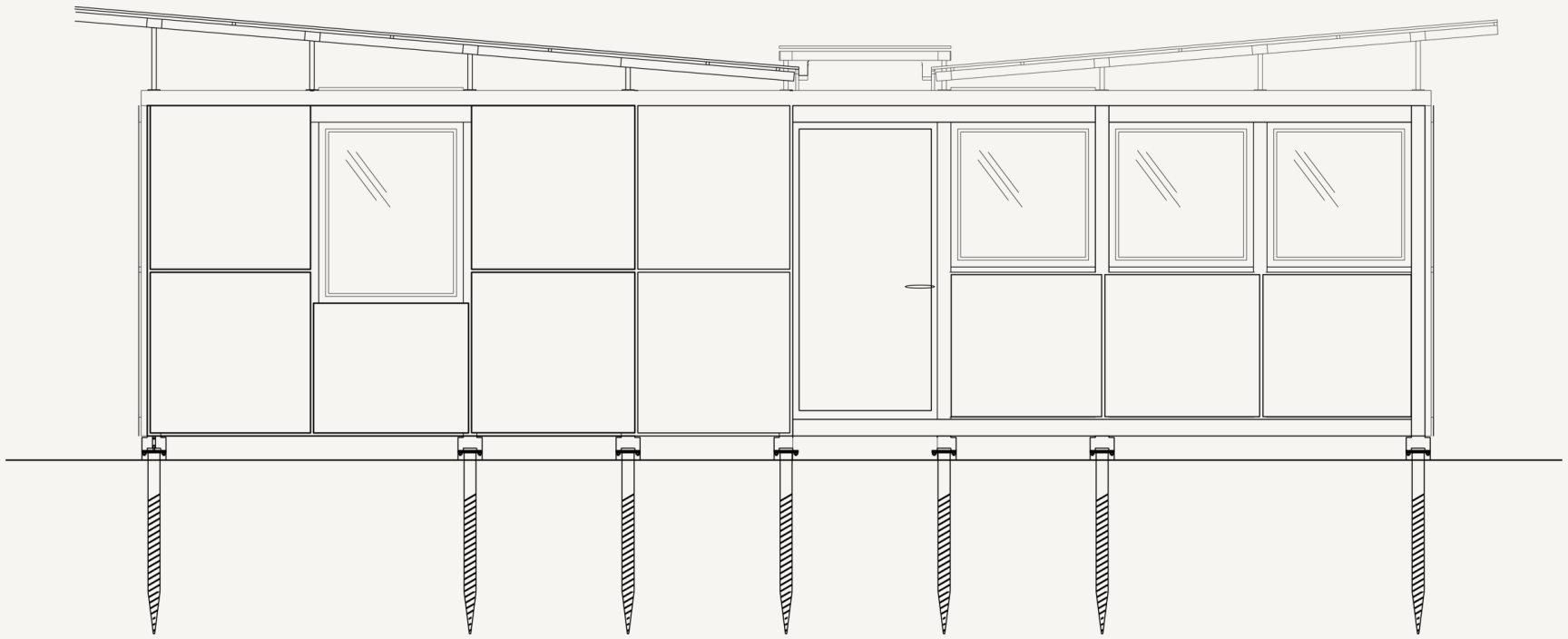
The cabin sits on more than two acres of private land and is available to book.

> "Part of the spirit of experimentation was using the same palette of materials in different ways."
>
> ZACHARY GLASS, IN DWELL

FACT SHEET

DESIGN / BUILD	Timon Phillips, Hut Design Build (San Luis Obispo)
ADDITIONAL BUILDER	Joshua Tree Construction and Engineering
OWNERS	Zach and Tyler Glass
LOCATION	Yucca Valley, CA
SIZE	815 sq ft, L-shaped plan
LAYOUT	2 bedrooms (2 kings), 1 bath, sleeps 4
SITE	2+ acres of private land, boulder hillside
FROM LA	About 2 hours
BOOKING	Homestead Modern · Airbnb
INSTAGRAM	@cobalt_cabin

Building system and materials



Elevation. Square panels, a raised butterfly roof and steel ground screws.

DRAWING

SYSTEM	Modular timber frame of 4x4-foot insulated panels, developed by Hut Design Build for backyard studios. Cobalt is its first full house.
FRAME + INTERIOR	Sugar pine framing with plywood-lined walls and ceilings. The panel grid is expressed throughout.
EXTERIOR	Cor-Ten steel panels applied on site, acid-treated to speed the patina.
ROOF	Raised butterfly roof, offset from the house to create a shading air gap, with a central rain-catchment trough.
FOUNDATION	Galvanized steel ground screws in place of a poured concrete foundation.
BATH	Calacatta Viola marble basin, microcement walk-in shower, backlit rock-shaped mirror.
FURNISHINGS	Furniture, millwork and shelves by Hieronymus Woodworks. Element lounge chairs by Coco Republic. Dawson bed by Castlery. Rugs by Revival.

Exterior



Cor-Ten panels and the front deck. 01

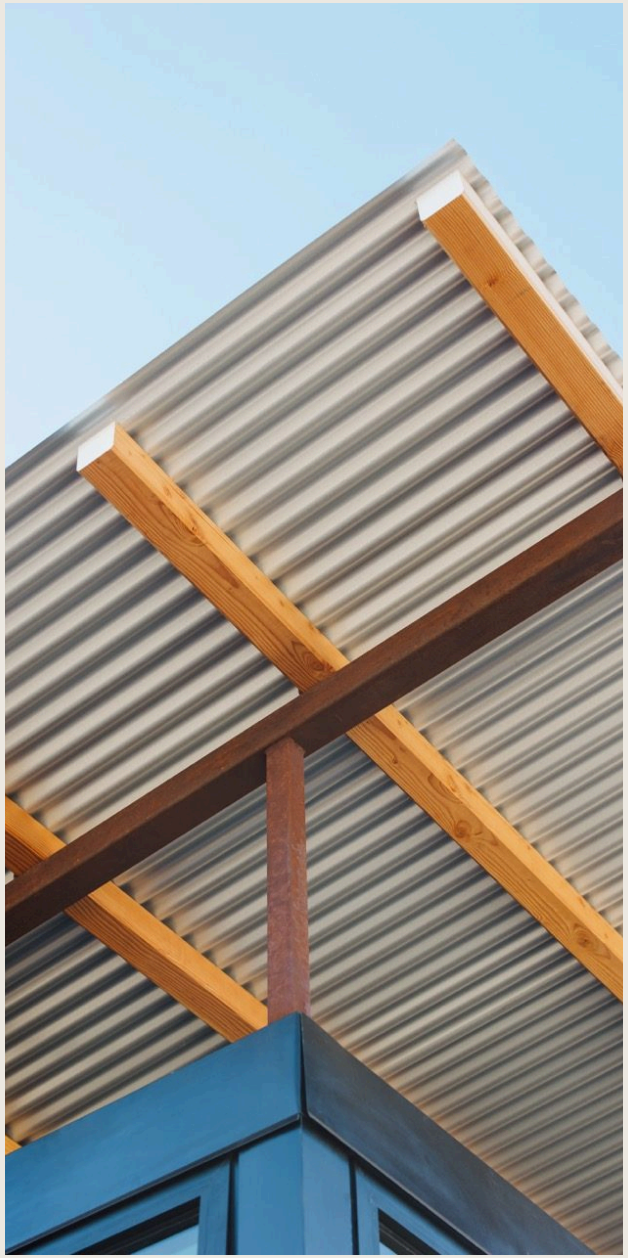


Steel cladding under the butterfly roof. 02

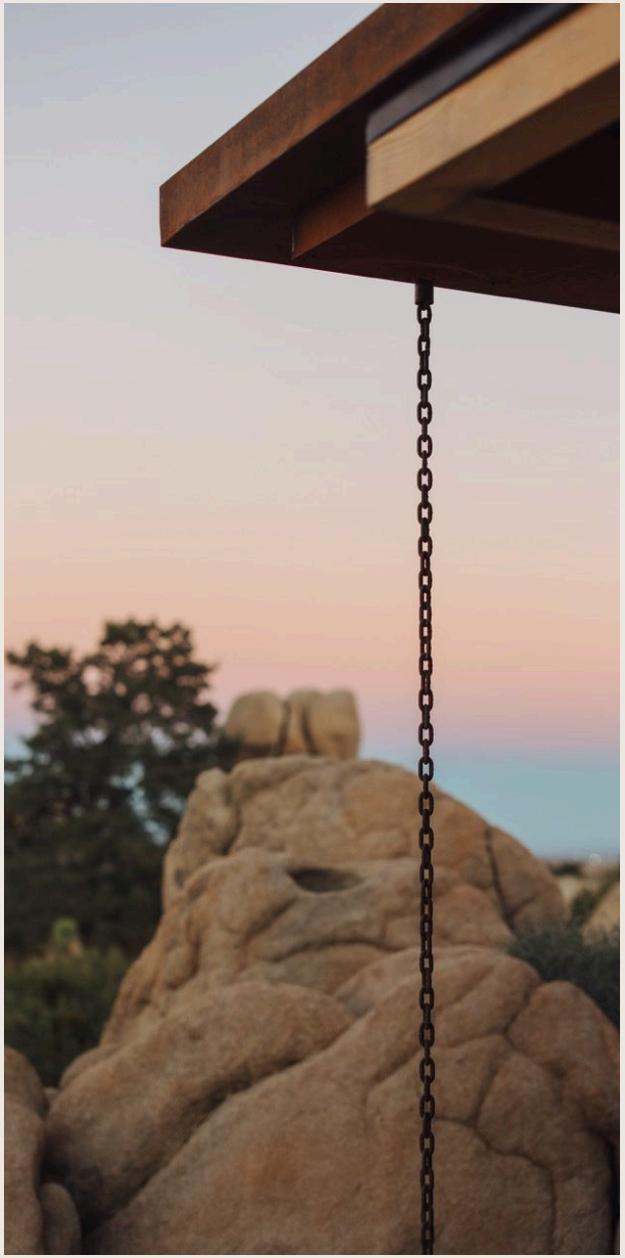


The front deck. 03

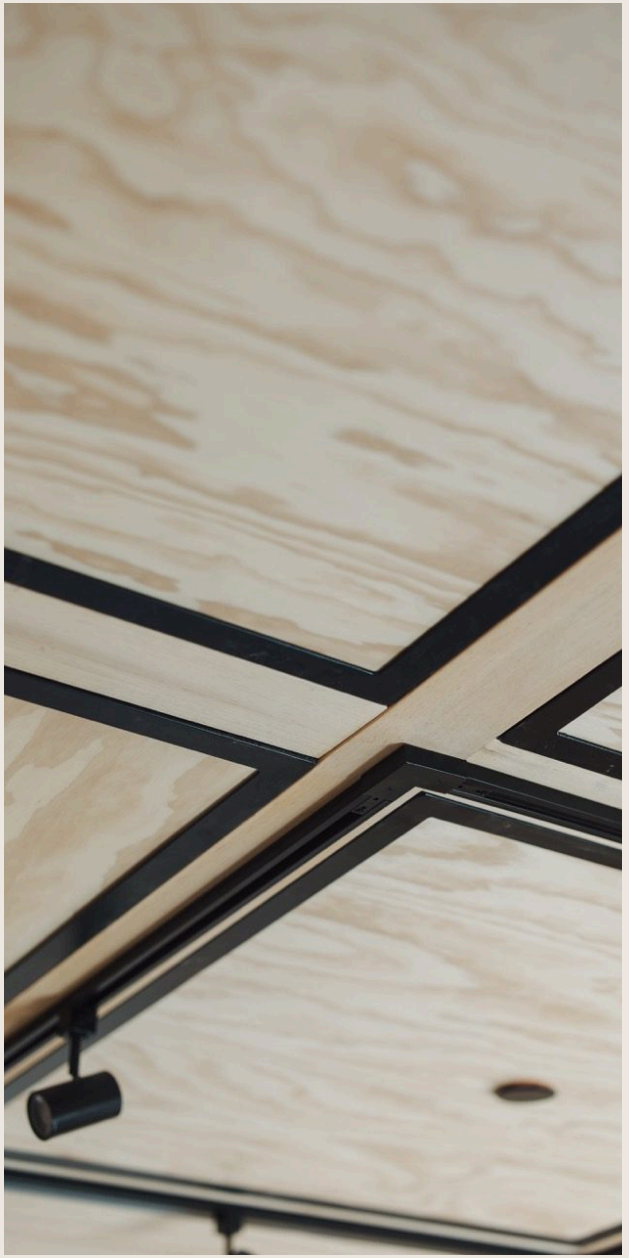
Details



Butterfly roof framing. 04



Rain chain at sunset. 05



The 4x4 panel grid overhead. 06

Interior



Built-in daybed and window wall. 07



Entry and kitchen. 08



Shelving by Hieronymus Woodworks. 09



Bedroom. 10



Marble basin and rock-shaped mirror. 11

Press and contact

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Coming soon

A Dwell video tour of the cabin is in production.

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