



How to start homesteading fast

So you want to start homesteading, and you want to quickly make that transition. Well, there are a few things that you need to consider to get you up and running on your homesteading dream quickly.

First you want to ask yourself these questions: Why are you doing this? Why do you want to do this? Once you know your why the next question is how. Knowing your why is essential for you to know. Trust me as the years go by, you will need to revisit your “why” several times. Knowing your “why” gives you a sense of purpose and mental destination.

So how do you start quickly? The first response is to homestead where you are. Homesteading takes grit, courage, and tenacity. These are skills that take time to hone. That leads me to the first part: develop skills.

Learn how to cook from scratch, learn how to preserve, hunt, vicarate (if you're a meat eater) and store food for longtime storage purposes. These are all skills that anyone can learn no matter where you are located. So even if you are in an apartment, you can still develop these skills.

Next, you need to know your property. Pay attention to what the sun is doing, how the light hits where you're intending on growing and producing your own food. So you want to observe and learn your land, know where you're trying to homestead.

Then get to planting. Plant things that will produce food for you every year. These are called perennials. Examples of these are things like blackberries, grapes, trees, and most woody herbs. Plant these first as it takes longer for these plants to get established. Begin working on your soil. Start composting and amending your soil.

Do you have a homeowner's association or an HOA? Some cities have poultry ordinances, for example, they may, or they may not allow you to have chickens. It may limit the number of birds you can have, or where they can be placed in your yard. When we lived in suburbia you had to have your chicken coop at least 20 feet away from a neighboring house. So, it's really important to know what your city will and will not allow, but also check on the covenant restrictions on your land as well. Basically, before getting chickens, check to make sure its ok.



You will need to be able to function in your kitchen, sometimes for long periods of time. It's not to scare you, but you know, realistically, you work hard to produce that food. You've got that glut of tomatoes, cucumbers. What else have we had? Okra, different things. You need to preserve it so that means your kitchens gonna get dirty.

Pro tip: do yourself a favor, write down the things, the big major items that you and your family consume. Not all of the things that you and your family eat, but what you eat the most.

So, to start homesteading really fast, these are things that we recommend. Learn to grow food. Plant perennials, learn to preserve food, and try to keep either chickens or rabbits if you are meat eater. And the most important thing; **START WHERE YOU ARE**. Invest in yourself and learn skills.

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