WORKSHEET 4

Build, Buy, or Hybrid Readiness Quiz

Circle the number that's most true for you. Be honest; nobody is grading you.

STATEMENT	NOT ME	SOMEWHAT	VERY ME
1. I've built something before (shed, deck, furniture, built-ins).	0	1	2
2. I'm comfortable using power tools safely, or eager to learn.	0	1	2
3. I can set aside 10+ hours a week for a year or more.	0	1	2
4. My body can handle lifting, ladders, and long days of physical work.	0	1	2
5. I have a covered, secure place to build.	0	1	2
6. I have (or can borrow) tools.	0	1	2
7. I have friends or family who can help regularly.	0	1	2
8. I enjoy solving problems when things go wrong.	0	1	2
9. I can keep paying for current housing while I build.	0	1	2
10. I'm okay with the house taking longer than planned.	0	1	2
My total (0–20)			

What your score suggests (a starting point, not a verdict)

SCORE	SUGGESTED PATH TO EXPLORE FIRST
0–7	Buy new from a builder, buy used with a professional inspection, or consider a park model, manufactured home, or ADU builder. You can still personalize finishes.
8–13	Hybrid: a builder-made shell or dry-in that you finish, or a kit with help. Take a class or volunteer on a build first.
14–20	DIY could suit you. Still plan to hire out electrical, gas, and trailer work, and get your plans and weight estimates reviewed.

Parts I'll hire out (the rest I might do myself)

- ☐ Trailer / foundation
- ☐ Framing and dry-in
- ☐ Electrical
- ☐ Plumbing
- ☐ Propane / gas
- ☐ Roofing
- ☐ Heating / ventilation
- ☐ Interior finishes