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Thread: [Are you a minimalist?](#)

severos - February 20, 2021, 11:11 pm

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Artisan - February 20, 2021, 11:20 pm

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Deany - February 20, 2021, 11:27 pm

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severos - February 20, 2021, 11:49 pm

(Feb 21, 2021 12:20 AM)Artisan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I am. My only big expenses are food, ciggies and coffee. By food I mean groceries and not ordering out. I see... my rent is roughly 50% of monthly spending, food is another 35%

(Feb 21, 2021 12:27 AM)Deany Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Pft... I was before I started building/collecting gunpla How was your experience/life ??

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severos - February 21, 2021, 12:01 am

(Feb 21, 2021 12:51 AM)Deany Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well for one I had more money in my wallet ?

I see, a bit harder to feel in my case since I'm cashless transactions 99% (coin laundry and ramen are the cash only places)

severos - February 21, 2021, 12:17 am

(Feb 21, 2021 01:14 AM)php Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes I can pack up everything I own in the trunk of my vehicle.

The real minimalist question is: do you really need a vehicle??

severos - February 21, 2021, 12:22 am

(Feb 21, 2021 01:21 AM)php Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes for gig economy work and sleeping in vehicle.

I have a home for now but I will most likely return to that lifestyle after March.

My plan is that when my car lease is up I will be debt free with a lot of money in savings and I will begin to travel around the world with nothing but a backpack.

Wow, sounds like you have your couple years plan ready.

Maxie - February 21, 2021, 12:26 am

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(Feb 21, 2021 01:23 AM)php Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have nothing planned just trying to survive without going insane.

Wing it?

That's what everyone does anyway, if you have a solid plan something like COVID will come and screw it.

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I think minimalism would accept such thing, it's not about owning cheap stuff, more of "if you don't use it then lose it" at least far as my understanding is.

Also, getting a good expensive thing can be better since you'll replace less often

Donald Trump Jr. - February 21, 2021, 12:50 am

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Lyralei - February 21, 2021, 1:13 am

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I've watched people argue about false minimalism, that having less clutter but more expensive things = minimalism, then there's minimalism which I've seen from having a tiny house, which means you can actually live without having too many things without destroying convenience, and then there's the true minimalist(in my opinion), a true ascetic, just carrying bags and traveling all over the place, which I'm not, I'm more of in the middle of these 3 categories I've just mentioned.

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severos - February 21, 2021, 2:52 am

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(Feb 21, 2021 03:52 AM)severos Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Exactly!

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Anything you do to reduce the clutter in life, big or small, is beneficial, so I'd say it's still a pretty good topic.

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Just remember to relax from buying sometimes hahaha.

Koyote - February 21, 2021, 5:52 am

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I have tried this, and I do like to be a minimalist in things, but my problem is I can't get rid of things. I see that they could hold monetary value, or they have sentimental value to me, so I just end up collecting so much. When I moved into my own home, I realised how much junk I have, and at some point I need to go through and get rid of loads because I've got sooo many collectibles and old toys that are still boxed etc, I could probably make a lot of money from them but I hate parting with things. But essentially no, this is my rambling way of saying no lol.

ghostboy - February 21, 2021, 2:03 pm

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I request you take that back, all my friends say I'm the king of procrastination

Prepper - February 21, 2021, 2:54 pm

I try to be but being a prepper can get in the way of that at times.

Blogger - February 21, 2021, 3:22 pm

I've been getting rid of a lot of my shit, but I still have a lot of stuff cluttering up my space. These things don't necessarily bring me joy anymore, but it's so hard to part with things.

******* - February 21, 2021, 3:26 pm

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severos - February 21, 2021, 4:11 pm

(Feb 21, 2021 04:26 PM)OPAL Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I would consider myself a minimalist , I do not keep belongings if I havent used them in the last 90 days , depending on what it is.

If i follow that rule I'll have to get rid of my brain, my dreams, and summer clothes probably, also my manhood ?

Blogger - February 21, 2021, 5:10 pm

(Feb 21, 2021 04:26 PM)OPAL Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I would consider myself a minimalist , I do not keep belongings if I havent used them in the last 90 days , depending on what it is.

Wow. Now that's commitment. I throw things away after a year of not using them.

NoneStar - February 21, 2021, 7:41 pm

I buy a lot of books and other things, so I don't really think I'm that big of a minimalist.

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Well, that's the kind of discipline I hope I eventually gain.

severos - February 22, 2021, 12:07 am

(Feb 21, 2021 09:03 PM)OPAL Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It helps keep me in the present and keep my mind clear of clutter.

You reminded me of when i broke up with my ex, i had to clean up so much and found things that i was keeping for memories only.