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Before & After: Airstream Trailer Renovation by Hofmann Architecture
Professional Project



Architect: Matthew Hofmann of Hofmann Architecture
Client: self
Location: Roaming Free in Southern California!
This 1978 Airstream was completely renovated by Architect Matthew Hofmann. Acquired in April 2010, the new contemporary interior features bamboo countertops, a dining area that converts to a guest bed, a fully integrated home office and the most luxurious bathroom on wheels I've ever seen!

A practicing architect in Santa Barbara, California, I recently completed a contemporary renovation of a vintage 1970's Airstream trailer mobile live + work studio — a small, very efficient space. My girlfriend and I call the Airstream home, now parked on a beautiful California view property on the Southern Coast. Green thinking heavily influenced this project: recycled and sustainable materials.

Thanks Matthew!

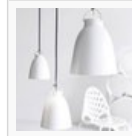
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Los Angeles Aaron Able February 8, 2011 12:30PM

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: -O That is absolutely beautiful! Great work!

posted by [jenkies](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:38pm  
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Wow. Absolutely beautiful!

Makes me super-jealous. The only Airstream dealer here in Minnesota closed a few years ago.

If I could find an older one of these, I'd love to get one for camping. One of the little Scamps.

And then use it as an out-building once I have a home.

:D

posted by [bodicegoddess](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:39pm  
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Holy Crap! Beautiful!

posted by [Michael W.](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:39pm  
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Awesome!

posted by [Scoot](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:42pm  
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Stellar!

Love the loo with a view!

posted by [AnastasiaBeaverhausen](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:46pm  
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beautiful.

posted by [thorndale](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:46pm  
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Wow! Gorgeous!

posted by [fairydogmother](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:51pm  
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OMG this is the most beautiful trailer I have every seen! Makes me want to live in one!!!

posted by [mitsu](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:53pm  
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That Matthew Hofmann isn't too bad on the eyes either

posted by [tableSPOON](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:53pm  
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oh my goodness! what an amazing transformation. Mega brownie points for the Magritte print!

posted by [beearthur](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:56pm  
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Wow! That before was a disaster! I love how light and airy it looks now - not at all dark or cramped. Great job! I want one!

posted by [vitamini](#) on February 8th 2011 at 12:57pm  
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Gorgeous! Oh, and the Airstream is awesome too!

posted by [cat&dog](#) on February 8th 2011 at 1:04pm  
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Awesome! Makes me wish I had a camper.

posted by [threeacres](#) on February 8th 2011 at 1:17pm  
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Double sexy :) I would live with him in this :P

posted by [laurakins](#) on February 8th 2011 at 1:21pm  
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It is beautiful and love all the light in the after pics.  
Thank you for the before and after in a sequence that makes sense to me.....not all of them do.

posted by [sassy c](#) on February 8th 2011 at 1:46pm  
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Lucky girlfriend!

posted by [laressa](#) on February 8th 2011 at 1:50pm  
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Gorgeous.

posted by [sausalito9](#) on February 8th 2011 at 2:05pm  
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The whole thing is superb, but that bathroom is to die for.

posted by [KayinKCMO](#) on February 8th 2011 at 3:06pm  
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Even I would be willing to go camping in this.

posted by [dkzody](#) on February 8th 2011 at 3:07pm  
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Beautiful! Nice work.

posted by [Ann-Marie](#) on February 8th 2011 at 3:08pm  
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Gorgeous!

posted by [Stacey Crew](#) on February 8th 2011 at 3:18pm  
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I would take Matthew and his airstream. Both of which are HOT!

posted by [moke076](#) on February 8th 2011 at 3:34pm  
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I always wanted an Airstream. This is just the way I would renovate. Great job.

posted by [vintagepgh](#) on February 8th 2011 at 3:43pm  
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That's probably Matthew's craftsmen in the pic taking his break from installing the tile in the bathroom.

posted by [daylight](#) on February 8th 2011 at 3:52pm  
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I'd like to trade in my husband and kids for a year on the road in a sweet airstream. can anyone help me arrange this? great work!

posted by [ell.uu](#) on February 8th 2011 at 4:06pm  
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All I can say is wow!

posted by [laurennoel33](#) on February 8th 2011 at 4:18pm  
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stunning! It's been my lifelong dream to renovate a vintage 70s airstream. When insomniac, I regularly troll craigslist ads for one, but it's just not in my budget right now. This is one of the nicest I've ever seen!

posted by [urbangranolagirl](#) on February 8th 2011 at 5:23pm  
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Amazing before and after. Makes me want to move to CA and live in a airstream.

posted by [mstrygrl](#) on February 8th 2011 at 5:23pm  
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I'm bookmarking this for when we hopefully have an Airstream one day. That bathroom is amazing.

posted by [lepapillonvert](#) on February 8th 2011 at 5:48pm  
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This is amazing! I have 1970's Airstream Sovereign (31') and have always dreamed of doing a reno on it. What was the budget for this project? I might

have to start saving!

posted by [PugLoveATL](#) on February 8th 2011 at 6:46pm  
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Golly, I think they have a nicer, bigger kitchen than I have in my apartment.

posted by [Kaete](#) on February 8th 2011 at 9:42pm  
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Kaete, don't fall for the wide angle lens! But it is gorgeous!

posted by [herzsprung](#) on February 9th 2011 at 3:42pm  
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Man and trailer are gorgeous! Are either for sale?

:)

posted by [Karen302](#) on February 9th 2011 at 5:02pm  
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So gorgeous, and oh so jealous.

posted by [jlw0001](#) on February 9th 2011 at 8:18pm  
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awesome job! how big is the airstream?

posted by [umarlene](#) on February 10th 2011 at 3:06pm  
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wwow...

posted by [JulianneMay](#) on February 11th 2011 at 7:42am  
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Great work! Loved the spacious bathroom.

posted by [IAMSNWFLK - dondehogar](#) on February 13th 2011 at 1:13pm  
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Sweet.

posted by [medusa12120](#) on February 13th 2011 at 1:50pm  
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Said it before, I'll say it again...

Best bath I have ever seen in an RV.

posted by [Anet500](#) on February 13th 2011 at 3:11pm  
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Eep! I just screeched when I saw this! I'm so jealous! Can I have one? Or ten?!  
My dream is to move my happy little self into one of these and run my etsy shop  
from the road, and blog all of the exciting process!

posted by [amberzaragoza](#) on February 13th 2011 at 9:20pm  
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Very nice indeed. Anybody know the make or model of the I mac stand?

posted by [Boyle](#) on February 14th 2011 at 4:29am  
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VERY nice!

posted by [Hollywood Visions](#) on February 14th 2011 at 12:52pm  
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Gorgeous...to both the Airstream and dude. :)

posted by [MO\\_apartmenttherapy](#) on February 17th 2011 at 4:04am  
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I would totally be happy living in this. OMG! I love it. \*wants a airstream\*

posted by [Yomon](#) on February 17th 2011 at 10:08pm  
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the kitchen



ohdeedoh



Unplggd



re-nest

