Passivhaus on a shoestring: Total project costs: £41,876.83 | Total materials costs: A three bedroom Passivhaus with a generous open-plan living/kitchen/diner which can be built for under £45,000. The width of the house makes the Total Labour costs: £1,450 most of its garden and available winter solar gain, Total: £43,326.83 whilst carefully controlled openings create variety within a relatively compact form. roof: the roof is clad in fibre cement Total GIFA: 70.14m2 slate tiles. To achieve a more The simple approach taken to construction means the enjoyable volume, the trusses have a Total cost per m2: £617.72 house could be easily built with basic joinery skills mid-height tie to allow a sloping either on or off-site. It also makes it easy to adapt to the individual self-builder's needs or the regional context it sits within. The orientation could even be changed to fit a narrower plot or the local vernacular. The roof uses the same total construction as the walls with air-tightness provided by an The home can easily be altered to suit the changing intelligent vapour control membrane. needs of its occupants. The downstairs WC could be This is over-clad with an OSB soffit extended to create a shower-room creating a usable dwelling over one level or the initially compact form to match the internal surface of the external walls. could be extended to suit the site or individual needs. It's important to understand that a passivhaus solution is a project and site specific one and any changes may alter the calculated energy performance. The design has been modelled to meet the most stringent of energy standards. However, renewable technology could be easily retrofitted or additional insulation added if required. Off[on]site wall panels: the external walls of the dwelling are made of low-tech prefabricated air-tightness: as the OSB 3 board is the surface finish as well as the air-tightness layer taping vertical panels constructed on or off site. joints is not an option. Instead these will be mechanically sealed with OSB There are 52 panels in the project with 11 different types. The panels are designed to a standard 8'x4' loose tongues sealed into routed slots in the wall panels. Horizontal joints are masked by floor sheet size to minimise wastage. and roof constructions so can be **cladding**: a combination of fibre cement slates and vertical, untreated OSB forms the airtightness line, internal finish and tie the structure sealed with proprietary air-tightness larch boarding. fixed to horizontal treated Softwood battens and vertical counter battens for cavity drainage. together. The roof is sealed with an intelligent The rainscreen approach means that there is scope for alternative cladding materials to create an appropriate appearance for a specific | The panels achieve an excellent vapour control membrane and the ground floor foil faced insulation & u-value of 0.109 W/m2K and can be OSB deck are taped. constructed with basic joinery skills. windows: high performance triple glazed with insulated reveal insulation overlap frames by 35mm to avoid perimeter cold bridging exploded axonometric: NTS rear external view: NTS ground floor plan: 1:100 first floor plan: 1:100

Works Package	Construction Element	ı	Materials		Labour		Total
Works Package 1	Set up, Clearance, Demolitions	£	-	£	-	£	-
Works Package 2	Foundations (up to DPC)	£	1,580.65	£	-	£	1,580.65
Works Package 3	Ground Floor Slab or Suspended Floor	£	1,694.39	£	_	£	1,694.39
Works Package 4	Drainage & Service Trenchwork	£	763.00	£	-	£	763.00
Works Package 5	Specialist Building System (eg timber frame, SIPs, etc if applicable)	£	4,062.35	£	_	£	4,062.35
Works Package 6	External & Internal Walls	£	3,973.45	£	-	£	3,973.45
Works Package 7	Intermediate Floor Zone (if applicable)	£	999.84	£	_	£	999.84
Works Package 8	Fireplace & Chimney (if applicable)	£	-	£	-	£	-
Works Package 9	Roof Structure, Insulation & Covering	£	3,126.93	£	_	£	3,126.93
Works Package 10	Joinery (Windows, doors, stairs, skirtings)	£	12,260.54	£	_	£	12,260.54
Works Package 11	Specialist Products (eg; Eco products)	£	4,300.00	£	500.00	£	4,800.00
Works Package 12	Electrical Installation	£	1,287.84	£	150.00	£	1,437.84
Works Package 13	Plumbing Installation	£	1,665.00	£	_	£	1,665.00
Works Package 14	Heating Installation	£	1,200.00	£	800.00	£	2,000.00
Works Package 15	Plastering (or dry-lining)	£	123.84	£	_	£	123.84
Works Package 16	Kitchen and Utility Units (+ appliances)	£	3,000.00	£	-	£	3,000.00
Works Package 17	Decorations & Wall Ceramics	£	1,174.00	£	-	£	1,174.00
Works Package 18	Floor Finishes	£	665.00	£	-	£	665.00
	TOTAL	£	41,876.83	£	1,450.00	£	43,326.83



package 2: foundations

To minimise excavation, the building is supported off two strip footings along the two long external walls of the building. These are then built up as walls in lightweight blockwork up to DPC level where they support a treated softwood ringbeam.

Total cost: Materials: £1,580.65 | Labour: £0.00

rackage 1	Site Clearance - assumed clear					
Package 2	Foundations					
Plinth		m rate	quantity	cost		
	Thermalite Turbo block plinth	£10.44	18	£187.96		
	DPC (cost for 30m roll 225mm DPC)			£7.89		
			Plinth Total	£195.85	="	
Concrete	Concrete m3 cost	m3 rate	quantity	cost		
	cement (kg)	£0.15	320	£49.02	•	
	sand (kg)	£0.05	600	£28.24		
	aggregate (kg)	£0.05	1200	£60.00		
			total m3 rate	£137.26		
	total concrete volume (m3)	8.1	Concrete Total	£1,111.80		
Plant	mini-digger hire 1 week		Plant Total	£273.00		
				İ	Total	£1,580.6

Package 3	Suspended Ground Floor			
floor		m or m2 rate	quantity	cost
	Birch Ply flooring (air-tight line)	£13.89	1	£13.89
	100mm Xtratherm insulation	£11.10	1	£11.10
	OSB 3 deck	£7.18	1	£7.18
	200mm timber joists	£3.30	2	£6.60
	screws	£0.02	50	£1.00
	Rockwool flexi insulation	£6.05	0.9	£5.45
	breather membrane	£1.25	1	£1.25
			total m2 rate	£46.47
	floor area (m2)	36.466	total cost	£1.694.39

Package 4	Drainage and Service Trenchwork		
Plant	mini-digger hire 1 week	£273.00	
Drainage	Pipes, couplings, bends and hoppers	£190.00	
	Inspection chambers x 2	£200.00	
	Gravel bedding	£100.00	

					Total
ackage 5	Specialist Building System				
all nels	Panel type	m or m2 rate	quantity	cost	
ineis	OSB 3 board (air-tight line)	£21.36	1	£21.36	
	Rockwool flexi insulation	£6.05	2.285	£13.82	
	200mm timber studs	£3.30	14.64	£48.31	total cost
	total panel cost	£83.50	no. of panels	24	£2,003.91
	2 000 2 h a and (alla blacks lines)	624.26		624.26	
	OSB 3 board (air-tight line) Rockwool flexi insulation	£21.36 £6.05	1,638	£21.36	
	200mm timber studs	£3.30	14.64	£48.31	total cost
	total panel cost	£79.58	no. of panels	8	£636.66
	3			-	
	OSB 3 board (air-tight line)	£21.36	1	£21.36	
	Rockwool flexi insulation	£6.05	1.429	£8.65	
	200mm timber studs	£3.30	12.55	£41.42	total cost
	total panel cost	£71.42	no. of panels	1	£71.42
	OSB 3 board (air-tight line)	£21.36	1	£21.36	
	Rockwool flexi insulation	£6.05	1.221	£7.39	
	200mm timber studs	£3.30	10.46	£34.52	total cost
	total panel cost	£63.27	no. of panels	1	£63.27
	5				
	OSB 3 board (air-tight line) Rockwool flexi insulation	£21.36	0.958	£21.36	
	200mm timber studs	£6.05 £3.30	13.4	£5.80 £44.22	total cost
	total panel cost	£3.30	no. of panels	3	£214.13
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	OSB 3 board (air-tight line)	£21.36	1	£21.36	
	Rockwool flexi insulation	£6.05	0.53	£3.21	
	200mm timber studs	£3.30	8.32	£27.46	total cost
	total panel cost	£52.02	no. of panels	1	£52.02
	OSB 3 board (air-tight line)	f21.36	0.25	£5.34	
	Rockwool flexi insulation	£6.05	0.102	£0.62	
	200mm timber studs	£3.30	3.24	£10.69	total cost
	total panel cost	£16.65	no. of panels	2	£33.30
	8				
	OSB 3 board (air-tight line)	£21.36	0.5	£10.68	
	Rockwool flexi insulation	£6.05	1.142	£6.91	
	200mm timber studs total panel cost	£3.30 £41.75	7.32	£24.16	total cost £166.98
	g total parier cost	141.75	no. of panels	4	1100.96
	OSB 3 board (air-tight line)	£21.36	0.25	£5.34	
	Rockwool flexi insulation	£6.05	0.342	£2.07	
	200mm timber studs	£3.30	4.02	£13.27	total cost
	total panel cost	£20.68	no. of panels	4	£82.70
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	OSB 3 board (air-tight line) Rockwool flexi insulation	£21.36 £6.05	0.25 0.462	£5.34 £2.80	
	200mm timber studs	£6.05 £3.30	3.5	£2.80 £11.55	total cost
	total panel cost	£19.69	no. of panels	2	£39.37
	11			-	
	OSB 3 board (air-tight line)	£21.36	0.5	£10.68	
	Rockwool flexi insulation	£6.05	1.099	£6.65	
	200mm timber studs	£3.30	8.78	£28.97	total cost
	total panel cost	£46.30	no. of panels	2	£92.61
			Total cos	t of wall panels	£3,456.36
		m rate	quantity	cost	
ne	corner timber	£3.30	19.52	£64.42	
dries	corner insul	£2.22	19.52	£43.33	
	loose tongues	£0.72 £6.60	126.88	£91.10 £180.60	
	Ring beam Air-tightness tape	£0.72	27.364 120	£180.60 £86.00	
	Aii dgiitiless tape	EU./2	120	sundries total	£465.45
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	item rate	quantity	cost	total cost	
rews	screws / panel £0.02	104	£2.42	_	
	panel cost £2.42	no. of panels	52	£126.01	
	screws / junct £0.02 junction cost £0.28	12	£0.28 52	£14.54	
	junction cost ±0.28	no. of panels	52	screws total	£140.55
				screws total	£14U.55

Total

£4,062.35

package 3: suspended ground floor

The suspended timber ground floor achieves a very thermally efficient u-value of 0.107 W/m2K with Rockwool insulation between 200mm joists and a 100mm PIR insulation over to avoid cold bridging. The joints in the intermediate OSB deck and top of the PIR are taped to give excellent air-tightness

Total cost: Materials: £1,694.39 | Labour: £0.00

package 4: drainage and service trenchwork

An allowance for 10m of combined drainage to the property boundary plus all connections to above ground systems.

Total cost: Materials: £763.00 | Labour: £0.00

package 5: specialist building system

The external walls of the dwelling are made of low-tech prefabricated panels constructed on or off site. These panels are 200mm deep with an OSB racking board. To minimise the layers to the system, the OSB 3 racking board also forms the air-tight line and the internal finish to the external walls.

There are 52 panels in the project with 11 different types. The panels are all built around a standard sheet size ($1220 \times 2440 \text{mm}$) to minimise wastage.

To provide the air-tight continuity, a machanical loose tongue system is employed at vertical panel joints to avoid visible tapes or pattresses.

The horizontal joints are masked by the different floor and roof constructions, so can be taped with propreitry air-tightness tapes.

The wall construction (including an additional layer of PIR insulation on the outside covered in package 6) achieves an excellent u-value of 0.109 W/m2K.

Total cost: Materials: £4,062.39 | Labour: £0.00

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The combination of excellent u-values, air-tightness and acreful use of orientation and passive solar gain means that the proposal achieves the passivhaus standard at pre-planning stage with a specific space heating demand of 14 kWh/m2.a:

Passive House Verification





kWh/(m²a)

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W/m²

120 kWh/(m²a)

15 kWh/(m²a)

25 °C

package 6: external & internal walls

The external wall panels are overclad with 100mm PIR insulation, breather membrane, counter-battens, battens and then either fibre cement tiles or vertical larch timber cladding.

The internal walls are timber stud walls with fermacell boards for their robustness and versatility. Tapered boards are taped and jointed for ease of self-build finishing.

The painted fermacell ground floor ceiling, internal stud walls and feature panels (package 15) contrast with the exposed OSB linings.

Total cost: Materials: £3,973.45 | Labour: £0.00

Package 6	External & Internal Walls					
		m or m2 rate	quantity	cost		
Tile clad	100mm Xtratherm insulation	£11.10	1	£11.10	_	
wall	Breather membrane	£1.25	1	£1.25		
	battens & counter battens	£0.33	6	£1.98		
	fibre cement slate	£9.51	1	£9.51		
			total m2 rate	£23.84		
	wall area (m2)	110.258	total cost	£2,628.55	<u>i_</u>	
		m or m2 rate	quantity	cost		
Timber clad	100mm Xtratherm insulation	£11.10	1	£11.10	ī	
wall	Breather membrane	£1.25	1	£1.25		
	battens & counter battens	£0.33	6	£1.98		
	square, untreated larch cladding	£12.13	1	£12.13		
			total m2 rate	£26.46		
	wall area (m2)	33.462	total cost	£885.40	<u>-</u>	
		m rate	quantity	cost		
Internal	Fermacell 1H22 walls	£25.80	17.81	£459.50	<u>.</u>	
wall						
					Total	

package 7: first floor

The first floor birch plywood structural deck is also the finish to minimise duplication of layers.

Total cost: Materials: £999.84 | Labour: £0.00

Package 7	First Floor				
		m or m2 rate	quantity	cost	
First Floor	Birch Plywood flooring	£13.89	1	£13.89	•
	200mm timber joists	£3.30	2	£6.60	
	screws	£0.02	50	£1.00	
	Fermacell Soffit	£8.20	1	£8.20	
			total m2 rate	£29.69	
	floor area (m2)	33.676	total cost	£999.84	

package 9: roof

The pitched roof is clad in fibre cement slate tiles. To achieve a more enjoyable volume, the trusses have a mid-height tie to allow a sloping soffit.

The u-value of the roof (using the same total construction as the walls) is an excellent 0.109~W/m2K. The roof air-tightness is provided by an intelligent vapour control membrane which is then over-clad with an OSB soffit to match the internal surface of the external walls.

High quality galvanised steel rainwater goods have been chosen for longevity and attractive appearance rather than going for the ultimate low cost option.

Total cost: Materials: £3126.93 | Labour: £0.00

Package 8	Fireplace &	Chimney (NA)

Package 9	Roof			
	-	m or m2 rate	quantity	cost
Roof	fibre cement slate	£9.51	1	£9.51
	battens & counter battens	£0.33	6	£1.98
	Breather membrane	£1.25	1	£1.25
	100mm Xtratherm insulation	£11.10	1	£11.10
	200mm timber rafters	£3.30	2	£6.60
	screws	£0.02	50	£1.00
	Rockwool Flexi insulation	£6.05	0.9	£5.45
	Intello air-tightness membrane	£2.35	1	£2.35
	OSB 3 soffit	£7.18	1	£7.18
			total m2 rate	£46.42
	roof area (m2)	58.98	total cost	£2,737.56
	Tool area (III2)	36.96	total cost	12,/3/.30
Tie Truss	200mm truss tie timbers	£3.30	30	£99.00
Rainwater	Lindab galv steel	item or m rate	quantity	cost
Goods	gutter	£5.38	18.4	£98.99
	brackets	£2.22	32	£71.04
	joints	£3.59	4	£14.36
	stop ends	£2.09	4	£8.36
	outlet	£6.43	2	£12.86
	RWP	£6.35	10	£63.50
	connector	£3.88	2	£7.76
	brackets	£2.25	6	£13.50
ĺ			total cost	£290.37

£3,126.93

Total

package 10: joinery

To achieve passivhaus high performance triple glazed windows with insulated timber frames have been chosen. Although these aren't the lowest cost option their 10 year warranty and huge thermal benefits are worth the additional cost. Frame u-value 0.82 W/m2K and glass u-value of 0.52 W/m2K.

The windows to the North are kept minimal in size. The windows to the south are larger to take advantage of winter passive solar gain.

Window perimeter insulation and aluminium extension cills have also been provided for as well as various internal and external joinery items.

Total cost: Materials: £12,260.54 | Labour: £0.00

Windows	Green Building Store Ecocontract Ultra insulated frame							
		area	m2 rate	quantity	cost			
	small GF N	0.647	£425.00	1	£274.98			
	small FF N	0.647	£425.00	3	£824.93			
	slot GF N	1.389	£425.00	1	£590.33			
	door GF N	2.061	£425.00	1	£875.93			
	small GF S	0.751	£425.00	1	£319.18			
	small FF S	0.751	£425.00	3	£957.53			
	slot GF S	1.613	£425.00	2	£1,371.05			
	large GF S	3.405	£425.00	1	£1,447.13			
	door GF S	2.061	£425.00	1	£875.93			
	Large FF S	1.586	£425.00	1	£674.05			
	Med FF S	0.96	£425.00	1	£408.00			
				total cost	£8,619.00			
			m rate	quantity	cost			
Window	Aluminium extens	ion cills	£6.00	10.8	£64.80			
Sundries	reveal insulation		£1.14	66.1	£75.16			
	window air-tightn	ess tape	£0.90	66.1	£59.49			
				total cost	£199.45			
			item rate	quantity	cost			
Internal	proprietry SW doc	rsets	£85.00	5	£425.00			
Doors								
			item rate	quantity	cost			
Stairs	proprietry SW stai	r	£750.00	1	£750.00			
			m rate	quantity	cost			
Internal	SW skirtings		£1.23	86.86	£106.84			
Joinery	SW architraves		£0.90	11.6	£10.44			
	birch plywood cill	boards	£5.56	8.96	£49.82			
				total cost	£167.10			
			item rate	quantity	cost			
External	Entrance canopy		£900.00	1	£900.00			
Joinery	entrance steps		£300.00	1	£300.00			
	rear deck		£900.00	1	£900.00			

package 11: specialist products

A major part of the passivhaus performance is the MVHR system.

Total cost: Materials: £4,300.00 | Labour: £500.00

MVHR	Paul Focus 200 (Green Building Store) + Lindab Galv steel ductwk	£4,200.00	
	bracketry	£100.00	
	commissioning	£500.00	

package 12: electrical installation

An allowance has been made for 3 lighting circuits, 3 ring mains and a seperate cooker circuit. Only simple light fittings have been priced for.

To maintain air-tightness the services are exposed, so galvanised conduit and fittings have also been priced.

Total cost: Materials: £1,287.84 | Labour: £150.00

Package 12	Electrical Installation			
Electrics	Consumer unit			£85.00
	Internal lighting circui	ts x 2 (ground & First)		£300.00
	External lighting circui	t		£150.00
	Internal sockets ring n	nain x 2 (ground & first)		£300.00
	External sockets ring r	nain		£75.00
	Cooker circuit			£50.00
	Independent testing			£150.00
			total cost	£1,110.00
		item or m rate	quantity	cost
Galv steel	conduit	£2.12	86.86	£184.14
conduit	junctions	£2.00	30	£60.00
	sockets	£4.65	18	£83.70
			total cost	£327.84

package 13: plumbing installation

Individual fittings have been priced as well as sums for supply and waste pipework.

Total cost: Materials: £1,665.00 | Labour: £0.00

Package 13	Plumbing Installation			
		item rate	quantity	cos
Fittings	wc	£100.00	2	£200.00
	WHB	£50.00	2	£100.00
	Bath	£100.00	1	£100.00
	WHB taps	£50.00	2	£100.00
	Bath taps	£75.00	1	£75.00
	shower	£90.00	1	£90.00
	sink	£100.00	1	£100.00
	sink taps	£100.00	1	£100.00
	-		total cost	£865.00
Plumbing	Waste pipes & fittings			£300.00
	water pipes & fittings			£500.00

package 14: heating installation

Total cost: Materials: £1,200.00 | Labour: £800.00

package 15: plastering & dry-lining

Total cost: Materials: £123.84 | Labour: £0.00

package 16: kitchen units & appliances

Total cost: Materials: £3,000 | Labour: £0.00

package 17: decoration & wall ceramics

Painted femacell, wall tiles to wet areas & intumescent varnish to OSB linings.

Total cost: Materials: £1,174.80 | Labour: £0.00

package 18: floor finishes

Total cost: Materials: £665.00 | Labour: £0.00

Package 14	Heating Installation		
Heating	Heating/Hot water boiler + pipework + 2 towel rails	£1,200	
	Professional Installation	£800	
		Total	C2 000

Package 15	Plastering & dry-lining				
		m rate	quantity	cost	
Feature panels	fermacell boards on sw frame	£10.75	11.52	£123.84	
				Total	£123.84

Package 16	Kitchen units & appliances			
Kitchen	Base & wall units, hob, oven, washing machine, dishwasher	£3,000.00		
		ĺ	Total	£3 000 00

Package 17	Decoration & wall ceramics			
		m2 rate	quantity	cost
Decoration	Wall tiles	£20.00	5.3	£106.00
	paint	£0.20	90	£18.00
	intumescent varnish to OSB	£7.00	150	£1,050.00
			total cost	£1,174.00

Package 18	Floor Finishes			
		m2 rate	quantity	cost
Floor	Floor Tiles	£30.00	10	£300.00
Finishes	Floor Varnish	£5	73	£365.00
			total cost	£665.00

£43,326.84

Total

£1,174.00

Total project costs:

Total materials costs: £41,876.83

Total Labour costs: £1,450

Total: £43,326.83

Total GIFA: 70.14m2

Total cost per m2: £617.72

