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Join the ranks of happy glampers—women who add glamour to camping while traipsing “outside” the norm. Whether you want to glam up a backyard retreat, porch, or rooftop; gussy up a vintage travel trailer (parked permanently in your back 40); or hit the road with your glampin’ girlfriends, MaryJane is THE guide for all things glamping. If you’re looking for specifics on how to shop for a trailer, fix one up, pitch a tent cabin, or rig up a heated outdoor bathtub, MaryJane, the pioneer of glamping, will get you there, one step at a time. What are you waiting for?!

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One busy, hectic afternoon in my house, I sat down to take a quick peek at *Glamping*. Over two hours later, I was still reading, blissfully lost in MaryJane’s beautiful world. I’m dying over this book. I absolutely, positively LOVE IT!

— REE DRUMMOND
THE NEW YORK TIMES Best-Selling Author of
The Pioneer Woman Cooks

Glamping, or glamour camping, one of MaryJane’s pet concepts, is about the juxtaposition of rugged and really pretty, grit and glam, diesel and absolutely darling.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES

Few trailers, if any, are decked out with built-in bathrooms. After all, we're not talking about tour buses or mobile mansions here. The compact cuties I love simply don't have room for full-fledged facilities. Not to worry, though.



For the most part, the gypsy glamper will be within reach of a rest stop, gas station, or campground, should she hear the call. The proverbial "pit-stop" is generally a quick and painless affair. But, say you find yourself on a desolate stretch of road, or you land upon a loo that's less than, shall we say, comfortable. Or maybe, you wake up in the middle of the night to a cold rain and you simply can't muster the gumption to get out and trek to the nearest public restroom. In these instances, a wise wanderer will rest assured, knowing that she is prepared with her own private potty.

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Riggin' Up an Outpost Bathtub

Time: approximately 1 hour
Skill Level: beginner-intermediate

YOU'LL NEED:

- 6 12" x 12" concrete pavers (optional) cast-iron tub
- 2-burner propane camp stove (we used the heavy-duty cast-iron two-burner stove from www.hurricaneproducts.net)
- 6' (or more) flexible gas line
- 5-gallon or larger propane bottle with regulator crescent wrench

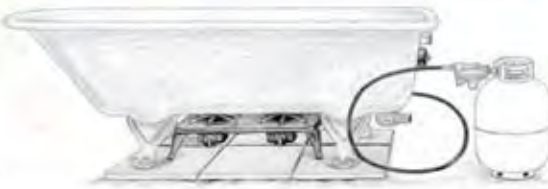
1. Lay concrete pavers on a level, undisturbed 2' x 3' piece of ground or deck.
2. Position your tub on top of the pavers and your camp stove underneath the tub.
3. Attach the gas line to the propane stove on one end and to the propane bottle on the other end. (If you decide to hide the propane tank, you can build a small wooden box around it. Make sure the box you build has a couple of air vents in the sides.)
4. If the area where you're situating your bathtub is prone to wind, you can do one of two things: build an un-mortared brick wall around the tub on three sides with numerous gaps for air flow, or build a skirt around the tub on three sides out of metal flashing. Either way, be sure to leave gaps large enough to allow access to valves for lighting and regulation.

Think of your cast-iron bathtub as a giant cooking pot. You can simply build a wood fire under the tub to heat the water, but I opted a permanent "fire" by using a propane camp stove.

Word of Caution: Propane isn't for sissies. You need to know what you're doing. Now that propane is such a big part of recreational activities, make sure you know the ins and outs. If there's any doubt, hire a professional—someone in your area who works on propane appliances.

If you're really on top of things, you've tracked in your spray bottle full of soapy water (for making sure your propane gas connections are snug and up to snuff) for a professional portable gas-leak detector. Good idea also for that can-hike backyard propane gas barbecue you love so much.

I fill the bathtub with fresh water from a garden hose, light the burners underneath the tub, then check the water temperature in about two hours (depending on the outside temperature). If you want to speed this process up, you can put some sort of insulated panel on top of your tub (I put a piece of plywood on top, covered with a quilt). Once I'm ready for my bath, I turn off both burners and hop in (I touch the bottom of the tub first to make sure it's not too hot, and don't ever step directly on top of the burner areas). If the water is too hot, I use my hose to add a little cold water. And since I use only foaming-gel soaps, I simply pull the plug and let the water run out onto the ground when my bath is finished.



A pine bath can be intoxicating. Using a 1' square of muslin, put the tips of pine branches in the center, tie to secure, and put it in your bath water while it heats. Confession: I float an entire branch in mine—remove it just before you slip in, adding drops of pine essential oil and lighting a pine-scented candle.

Creating Your Own 5-Star Glamping Experience

