

Bear builds a house




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This is a story about a bear who
was tired of long, COLD winters.

He wondered to himself
'why am I standing in the snow?'

A small, light brown teddy bear is standing on a snowy slope, wearing black ski boots and holding two black ski poles. The bear is positioned on the left side of the frame, looking towards the right. The background consists of a line of dark evergreen trees against a pale sky.

If I had a warm bed I'd sleep
all winter long. But I can't have
a bed without a bedroom.
And I can't have a bedroom
without a house...

So I'll build a house!



Hmmm. First I'll
need a foundation
to build the
house on.



I'll use jellybeans for that.
Everyone knows jellybeans
are very solid food.



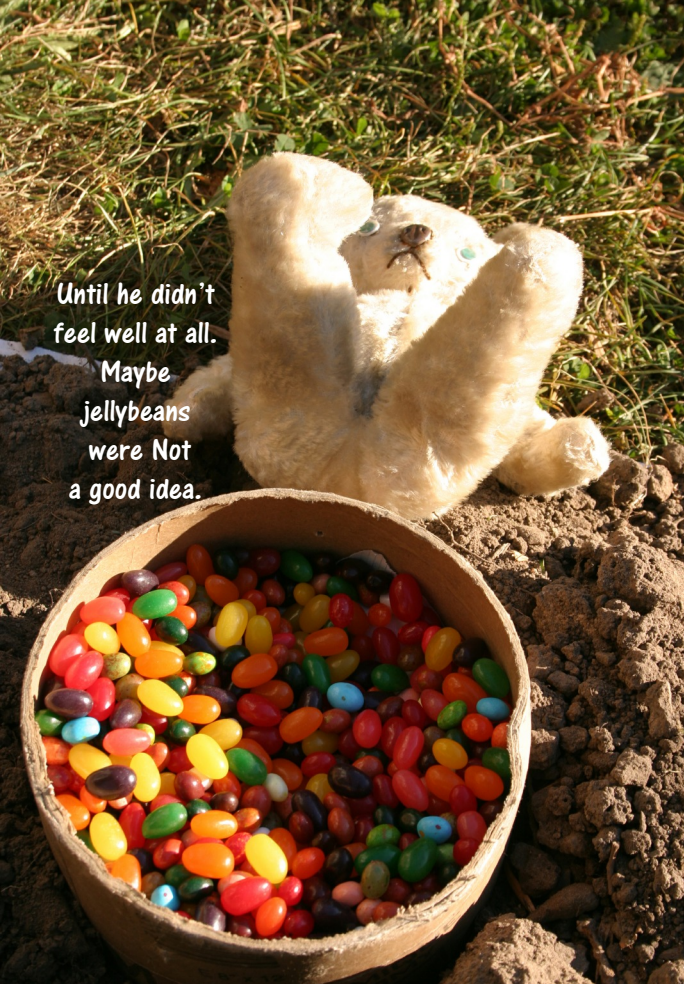
But the more jellybeans
Bear put in the foundation
the more he ate.



And ate...



And ate!

A teddy bear is lying on its back in a hole dug into the ground. The bear's head is tilted back, and its paws are near its face. In the foreground, a shallow wooden bowl is filled with a variety of colorful jellybeans. The scene is set outdoors in a grassy area with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a dappled light effect on the ground and the bear's fur.

Until he didn't
feel well at all.

Maybe
jellybeans
were Not
a good idea.



Hmmm.


Children might
hold up a house...
but they'd never
stay still long enough.



I'll try concrete.
It's a crazy idea, but
it just might work.



Building a house is
a lot harder than I thought.

A small, light-colored stuffed animal, possibly a bear or dog, is sitting on a large, flat rock. To its right is a cardboard container, likely a bucket or can, filled with a dark, crumbly material. The container has some text and a barcode on it. In the background, there is a wooden frame made of vertical and horizontal poles, and the ground is covered with green foliage and some rocks.

But this
stuff really
Works!



Next I'll need
a floor. I'll make
it out of cows
and sheep,
obviously.

But they keep trying to eat my ears!
Cows and sheep are Not a good idea.




Hmm. Trees might work,
but they're way too big.
I'll just use dynamite
to make them smaller.



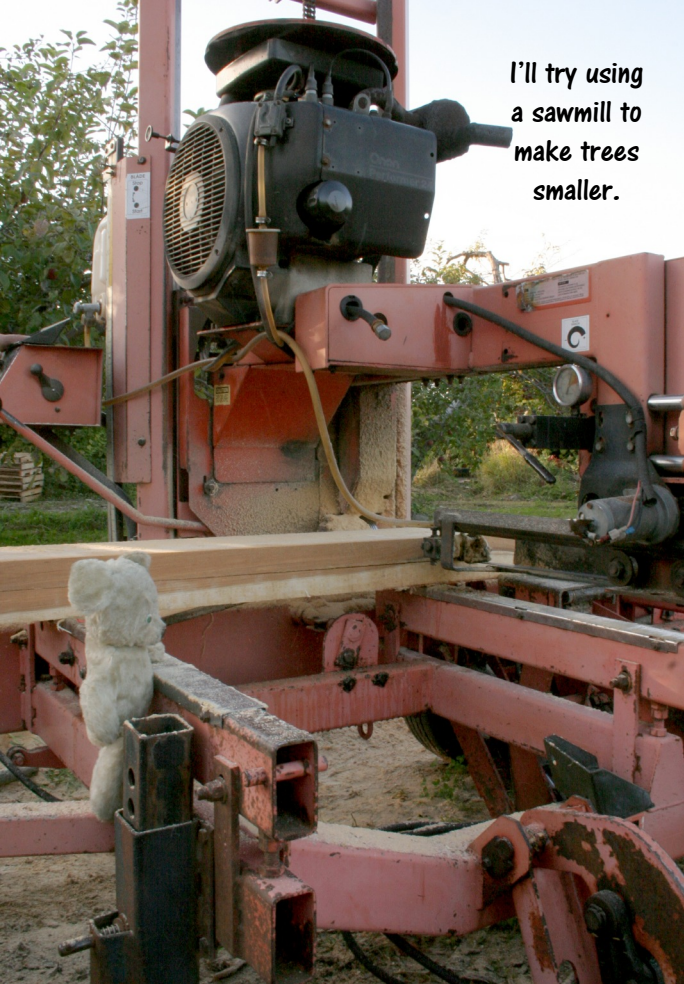


BOOM!

A small, white, fluffy stuffed animal, possibly a lamb or a bear, is the central focus of the image. It has large, round, green eyes and a small, dark brown nose. The animal is sitting amidst a pile of sticks and wood. In the foreground, there are several long, thin, light-colored sticks or straws. Behind the animal, there are larger pieces of wood, including a dark, rectangular block and a lighter, irregular piece. The background is a textured, greyish surface. The overall scene suggests a construction or demolition site.

Dynamite made them
a little *too* small...

I'll try using
a sawmill to
make trees
smaller.






Well, that worked better than I expected.
Next I'll need walls for my house.



I'll use pillows
for my walls.
That was easy!

**But my friends all want their pillows back!
I'll have to find something else to build my walls.**



A photograph of a brown teddy bear sitting on a large, golden-brown haystack. The bear is positioned in the center-right of the frame, facing slightly left. The haystack is composed of many loose, dry straw stalks. In the background, there are green trees with some yellowing leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The lighting is natural, and the overall tone is warm.

I'll try
straw bales.

This straw makes
pretty good walls!




Now what should I
use to make
windows?
Chickens?




But chickens are
afraid of bears!
Chickens are Not
a good idea.



A photograph of a window with a wooden sill. A small, light-colored teddy bear is sitting on the sill. The window looks out onto a wooded area with bare trees. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Glass works
pretty well.
And it's
made from
recycled
Honey jars.

A white teddy bear is standing in a field of dry, brown leaves and some green grass. The bear is looking up towards a cluster of apples hanging from a tree branch. The apples are a mix of yellow and red. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The text is overlaid on the image, centered in the upper half.

For my roof... Apples!
I'm really getting the hang of
building, I think.


But when the wind blows
apples will fall on my head.

I think apples are
Not the way to go.





I'll use wood, and metal,
to make my roof.



Finally, my house
is done!

I'm so tired I'll
sleep all winter long!





Next summer, bear was
well rested for more
Adventures...



