

Harvest Moon: Friends of Mineral Town Building/Furnishing Guide

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Buildidng/Furniture Guide

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1.0 Introduction

When you begin Harvest Moon: Friends of Mineral Town you start off with a small house, chicken coop, barn and field. As you progress through the game it becomes more of a pain to have something so small. It's hardly acceptable for a wealthy farmer to live in a shack! This guide is exclusively about expanding your buildings and furnishing your house.

2.0 Versions

V2.00 - Added a question that I got at least 3 times a day! I also changed some info on the vase and fireplace.

V1.90 - Final info on the fireplace. Added another FAQ (Up to 8 e-mails a day! --) Removed some false info on the Vacation House.

V1.80 - Fixed info on the fireplace and added how to make fences. Fixed up little errors here and there.

V1.50 - I added info on the Vacation House and the Seaside Cottage and Mountain Cottage. Also fixed up a few things here and there.

V1.30 - I finally completed this guide by adding the price for the largest house upgrade and remodeling for the Vacation House. I also added a section for Other and FAQ (already?!).

V0.90 - I finished the Furniture list! Whoo! It took awhile but it's still not quite version 1. I still need a little bit more information...

V0.70 - I have most of the basics but I'm still missing section 5.2 which is the list of furniture, their cost and purpose. I still need to find out a few little things so if there are any questions please be patient.

3.0 Getting Started

To begin upgrading your buildings and furnishing them you are going to need an Axe, which is found in your tool box inside your house. It's only at Lv. 1 so it can only chop the branches you find on your field at the beginning of the game and the ones found in the forest. These only give you one piece of time so it's not worth your time until you acquire a better axe to chop large stumps. You can get your axe upgraded later in the game at the Blacksmiths in town. The upgrades are:

- Lv.1 Axe - found in tool box at the start of the game
- Lv.2 Copper Axe - upgrade at the blacksmith with copper ore* (fl. 1)
- Lv.3 Silver Axe - upgrade at the blacksmith with silver ore* (fl. 1)
- Lv.4 Gold Axe - upgrade at the blacksmith with gold ore* (fl. 3+)
- Lv.5 Mystrile Axe - upgrade at the blacksmith with mystrile ore* (fl. 5+)
- Lv.6 Cursed Axe - found in lake mine after all tools are mystrile level (fl 49)
- Lv.6 Blessed Axe - result after using it 255 times
- Lv.7 Mythic Axe - found in spring mine (fl. 60) after all tools are blessed

* = found in Spring Mine

Once your axe has become a copper axe you will be able to break large stumps in 6 hits. This supplies you with 6 pieces of wood instead of just one. As you upgrade your axe breaking stumps becomes easier. The wood you chop is kept in your lumber box on the north side of your farm beside your horse's stable. The sign beside it will tell you the number of pieces you have but you can also check by going to the Earnings Screen. You can remove pieces of lumber here to make fences.

Another way to get lumber is by buying it for 50G from Gotz the woodcutter/carpenter. He lives in the forest directly beneath your farm. He is also the one that allows you to upgrade your buildings. His shop is open from 11AM to 4PM and closed Saturdays on holidays. He is away most of time looking for good lumber trees so sometimes it's hard to catch him.

The easiest to get wood is upgrading your Axe to Cursed/Blessed or Mythic Level. When you chop one stump all the rest of the stumps on the screen are broken as well in a flash of light.

4.0 Buildings

To Upgrade your buildings you'll need to talk to Gotz. He'll finish the upgrade in 3 days but he takes a break for holidays. To upgrade you'll need not only wood but gold so make sure you have enough. Upgrades are usually pricy but definitely well worth it if you want to be successful. Some upgrades later in the game are just for looks so you can decide whether you want them or not.

4.1 House Upgrades

Your house is a wee but cramped when you start off so it's a good idea to upgrade it. Upgrading allows you more space for furniture (such as a kitchen) and it's mandatory for you house to be upgraded twice for you to marry a girl. Upgrading your house cost quite a bit so don't worry about upgrading it too quickly.

Smallest House

Cost: N/A

Lumber: N/A

The House you start off with is a small shack beside your mailbox (to be honest ^_^). There's barely any furniture and the only things you have are the bare necessities.

Bigger House

Cost: 3,000G

Lumber: 200 pieces

This next upgrade gives you space for a kitchen and makes your table bigger. You can now also purchase a Refrigerator and Cabinet for keeping extra items. Your house takes up twice as much room and has a neat curve to the roof and you now have 3 windows.

Biggest House

Cost: 10,000G

Lumber: 700 pieces

You can now acquire every item from the TV Shopping Network. It comes free with a fireplace which increases your stamina on a snowy day, any other day and it decreases your stamina. This last house is very spacious and is required to marry a girl. The attachment looks like your first house only with a skylight and chimney. You now have 4 windows with shutters. You can now upgrade get all of the Other Upgrades in section 4.3.

4.2 Livestock Upgrades

To upgrade the barn or coop will cost a little more than your house. When you upgrade them there's room for more animals increasing your profit.

Small Chicken Coop

Cost: N/A

Lumber: N/A

Chickens Capacity: 4

The first chicken coop is a small building to the bottom left of your farm. It has room for 4 chickens and 1 incubator for eggs. You have access to a feed bin inside as well as Chicken Fodder (bought from Rick's Farm). The building to the left of is the Water Mill. You can put corn in it to get 30 bushels of Chicken Feed.

Small Livestock Barn

Cost: N/A

Lumber: N/A

Livestock Capacity: 8 (any combination of cows & sheep)

The Barn on the right side of the north entrance to your farm. There's one space for pregnant livestock in the north west corner and two rows of four spaces for fodder. On the north side you have access to the fodder (bought from Yodel Farm or cut from Grass Seeds) and a feed bin on the south side near the entrance.

Large Chicken Coop

Cost: 5,000G
Lumber: 500 pieces
Chicken Capacity: 8

An almost identical building is added to the right side giving you more room in your coop. You now have two incubators and 8 feed boxes allowing you to have more chickens.

Large Livestock Barn

Cost: 6,800G
Lumber: 500 pieces
Livestock Capacity: 16 (any combination of cows & sheep)

A barn attachment identical to your old one is placed on the left side. Now you have two spaces for pregnant livestock, two places with access to fodder and two feed boxes. You now also have four rows of four feed boxes allowing you to hold up to 16 (!) cows and/or sheep. This is pricy but well worth the profit you make with double the amount of livestock.

4.3 Other Upgrades

Other Upgrades are not necessary to be successful but a stylish adjustment to your house. In my belief they're are very expensive for what they're worth but it's really just an add on. These become available after everything else previously mentioned is upgraded.

Remodel Window

Cost: 25,000G
Lumber: 300 pieces
Types: Square Window With Screen
Square Window Without Screen
Round Window

Allows you to remodel the four windows on your house. You can have them with or without a screen or have them round for something a bit different. You begin with square windows with a screen.

Remodel Doghouse

Cost: 20,000G
Lumber: 500 pieces
Types: Red Doghouse
Blue Doghouse
Strange Doghouse

The doghouse you begin with is red but you can change it so the roof is striped blue with a slant instead. The strange doghouse looks like a cat opening it's mouth wide for the entrance. It's actually very cute but bizarre for a doghouse.

Remodel Mailbox

Cost: 10,000G
Lumber: 200 pieces
Types: Red Mailbox
Blue Mailbox
Strange Mailbox

Your mailbox begins as red but you can make it a blue miniature house or 'strange'. The Strange mailbox looks like a little blue man with a big mouth for inserting letters. Comes complete with arms, legs and angry little eyes.

4.4 Things to be Built

Gotz can also build things for you. These are not upgrades from previous objects or buildings they are completely new. These serve useful purposes but

are both VERY expensive so it's a good idea to purchase them a lot later in the game when you can afford them without going bankrupt.

Bathtub

Cost: 30,000G

Lumber: 580 pieces

This is used just like the hot springs are to regain energy. It appears as a door beside your fireplace. You do not actually see the bath you just enter the door and come out half an hour later squeaky clean and re-energized.

Vacation House

Cost: 100,000,000G(!)

Lumber: 999 pieces

This house is built next to Sabaira's blacksmith in south Mineral Town. There is a table with four chairs, a bed, two shelves (one with your diary), a TV, clock, mirror and fireplace. Your wife will never come inside. You can spend the night in this house.

Mountain Cottage

Cost: N/A

Lumber: N/A

Your cottage is on mothers hill near the lake. On your 50th anniversary your wife will give this to you. It has a bed, clock, calendar, journal and table but no TV. You can spend the night in this cottage.

Seaside Cottage

Cost: N/A

Lumber: N/A

This can only be obtained if you connect Harvest Moon: Friends of Mineral Town with Harvest Moon: A Wonderful Life for Game Cube. If you do this small white cottage will be built at southwest Mineral beach. It's furnished with: a bed, clock, calendar, journal and table but no TV. You can spend the night in this cottage. *You need a 42 star link exchange to get this from the HG*

5.0 Furnishings

These section is for furniture you can add to your house and their uses. Half of these objects are extremely useful while the other half are just to show off. You can obtain one from Won but the rest must be bought from the TV Shopping Network. To collect them all is mildly expensive. Most of these things are crucial to marry a girl.

5.1 TV Shopping Network

The TV Shopping Network is aired every Saturday on your TV. Just go up to your TV and press left and you will be told what is on sale, the price and a bit about it's purpose. To buy the piece of furniture you have to call in from the Doug's Inn in town. On the counter there is a phone that cost 10G to use and on the same day you see the item you want to buy call in and request it. Zack will come and deliver it to you within two to three days. It usually takes three days if there is a festival on the second day.

Notice:

I once order a whisk from the shopping network when on the second and third day there was back to back festivals and I never received my order even though I paid. Make sure this doesn't happen to you and plan ahead by looking at your calendar before hand.

5.2 Furniture

This section is a list of the furniture you can buy from the TV Shopping Network or elsewhere. It contains quite a bit of information so I'll brief you on how it is organized:

Name of Object

Cost: Amount of Gold need to purchase the object

Upgrade: What house upgrade you at least need

Item Required: What other item needed to buy the object

A brief description

Now, the list is in alphabetical order so you can buy in order of the upgrade and item requirement needed. If you have anymore information or see anything wrong please contact me!

Big Bed

Cost: 10,000G

Upgrade: Second Upgrade

Item Required: Kitchen & Utensils

A Big Bed placed to the right side of your smaller one. This is a required item to marry a girl but I've heard the girl can sleep on the floor in a sleeping bag. However, I think she'd be much more comfy in a bed ^_^

Carpet

Cost: 5,000G

Upgrade: Second Upgrade

Item Required: Kitchen & Utensils

A large beige carpet that goes under your table. Just a decoration.

Clock

Cost: 2,000G

Upgrade: None

Item Required: None

Tells you the year, season, day and time up to the minute.

Frying Pan

Cost: 1,200G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item Required: Kitchen

Used in cooking to create certain types of dishes.

Kitchen

Cost: 4,000G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item: None

Used to cook, store utensils and view your already completed recipes. You cannot use it until you have at least one utensil. Utensils are: Frying Pan, Knife, Mixer, Oven, Pot, Rolling Pin, Seasoning Set and Whisk.

Knife

Cost: 1,500G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item Required: Kitchen

Used in cooking to create certain types of dishes.

Mixer

Cost: 1,200G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item Required: Kitchen

Used in cooking to create certain types of dishes.

Mirror

Cost: 1,000G

Upgrade: None

Item Required: None

Mirror placed between Clock and Bookcase that tells you the time of day and little tidbits of information. At 0:00AM look at your mirror you might get a little spooked.

Oven

Cost: 2,500G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item Required: Kitchen

Used in cooking to create certain types of dishes.

Pot

Cost: 1,500G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item Required: Kitchen

Used in cooking to create certain types of dishes.

Refrigerator

Cost: 2,500G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item Required: None

Use to store edible items used commonly used to make recipes. There are 64 spaces to store items and items of the same type can be store together in one space.

Rolling Pin

Cost: 750G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item Required: Kitchen

Used in cooking to create certain types of dishes.

Seasoning Set

Cost: 2,500G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item Required: Kitchen

Used in cooking to create certain types of dishes. Includes sugar, salt, vinegar, soy sauce and miso.

Shelves (or Cabinet)

Cost: 2,500G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item Required: None

Used to store items you find and can hold other than food. There are 64 spaces to store items and items of the same type can be stored together in one space.

Vase*

Cost: 5,000G

Upgrade: None

Item Required: None

Won will come to your house on the 5th day of every season and offer to sell you the Vase until buy it. It is placed on the small table beside your calendar and can put seasonal flowers in it. Flowers whither and die eventually but you can replace them beforehand. Flowers put in the vase that are unseasonal will die at the end of the day. Flowers that you put in the vase increase either your stamina or fatigue depending on the flower.

Whisk

Cost: 500G

Upgrade: First Upgrade

Item Required: Kitchen

Used in cooking to create certain types of dishes.

* This is the sole item bought from Won.

Note: You can also buy a Powerberry for 10,000G but did not include it for obvious reasons.

6.0 Other

Golden Lumber:

Can be obtained from Gotz for 100,000G when you have 999 pieces of wood. You can also get it from the Mayor on Winter 2nd by getting him the item he asks for. Golden Lumber is very useful for building fences because it never rots. However, the people in town will be annoyed that you're showing off your wealth. It's best to keep it inside as a show item.

Fences:

To make fences go up to your wood bin (in between the barn and horse stable) and press the 'A Button' to get a piece of wood in your hands. Then place it on your field to make fences. They rot over time so you cannot pick them up and move them but they never disappear completely. Useful for fencing in animals and crops.

Gotz's Creative Urge:

Sometime during the game Gotz will become depressed and say he hasn't found his creative urge. He will refuse to build you anything until you shower him with his favourite gifts (apples, honey and eggs) for a year or two. When he will accept buildings again you'll see a little cutscene in which he thanks you.

If there are any mistakes, questions, concerns or feedback e-mail:

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7.0 Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is there any other way of getting the Vacation House?

A. Nope sorry, you're going to have to work for it.

Q. What is up with the fireplace?

A. People ask me this ALL the time. At first I put down incorrect information but now I have the correct info up. Thanks for all your help!

Q. How to you get 1,000,000G/Vacation House?

A. I've never gotten the Vacation House but I suggest planting 20+ of each major money making crop (Cabbage, Pineapple, Sweet Potatos) and getting the H.S.s to water/harvest them. Also, bring a basket to the Horse Races and exchange all your medals for broaches. Empty your basket the next day and you should make about 60-70,000.

Q. Why won't Gotz make me anything?

A. People asked me this so many times I put it in '6.0 Other'.

Q. How can I use my Cursed Axe 255 times without collapsing?

A. Use your axe during a festival where there is no time or stamina. It might take a little while but it'll be worth it.

Q. How come I can't un-equip my cursed axe?

A. To un-equip your axe go to the church between 1pm-4pm during confession and ask Carter to remove it. If you use it enough times it will become blessed and you can remove it like an ordinary tool.

If you have any questions e-mail kimby_k@hotmail.com. If the question is already posted on my guide I'll just delete it.

8.0 Credits

I'd like to thank:

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