



How to Build a Food Truck

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Concept



Research

- ▶ Rules & Regulations
 - ▶ Vending sites
 - ▶ Fire
 - ▶ Health
- ▶ Visit trucks
- ▶ Equipment needs
- ▶ Service flow
- ▶ Start talking to Builders



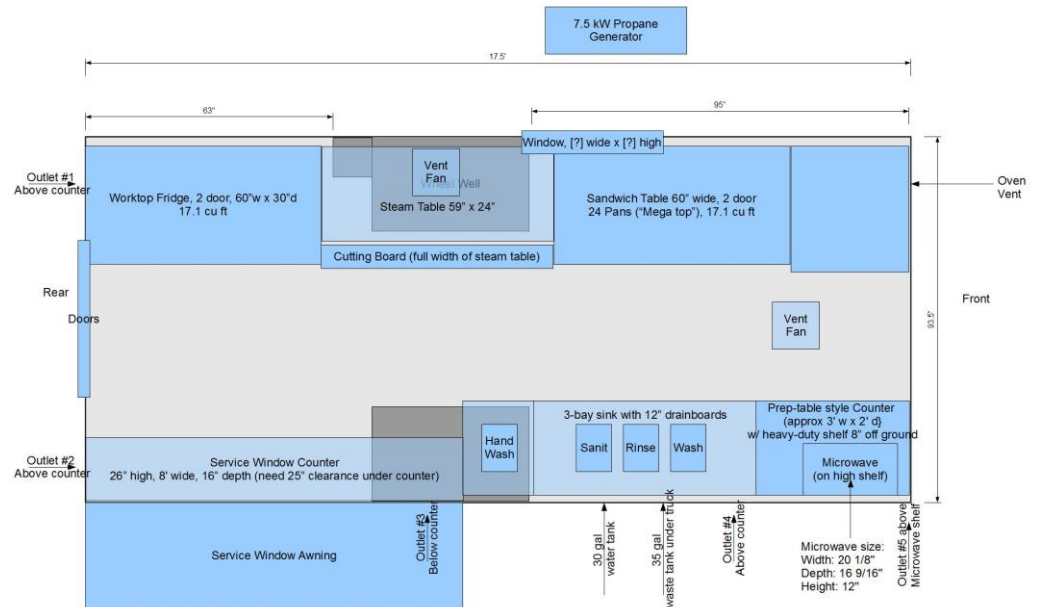
How much does it cost?

- ▶ Used stepvan: \$5-30k
- ▶ Buildout including equipment: \$40-120k
- ▶ Truck Wrap: \$3-4k
 - ▶ (or a couple packs of dry-erase markers: \$20)
- ▶ Don't forget tax!



Preliminary Design

- ▶ Test floorplans
- ▶ Pick equipment
- ▶ Visit ISD for Plan review



Pick a Builder

- ▶ Get lots of quotes
- ▶ Decide who you like working with
- ▶ Consider repairs & maintenance!

We used Creative Mobile Systems in Connecticut for both of our trucks



Buy a Stepvan

- ▶ Stepvans.com
- ▶ Truckpaper.com
- ▶ Penske
- ▶ Craigslist
- ▶ Ebay



Build!

- ▶ Agree on deadlines
- ▶ Visit your truck

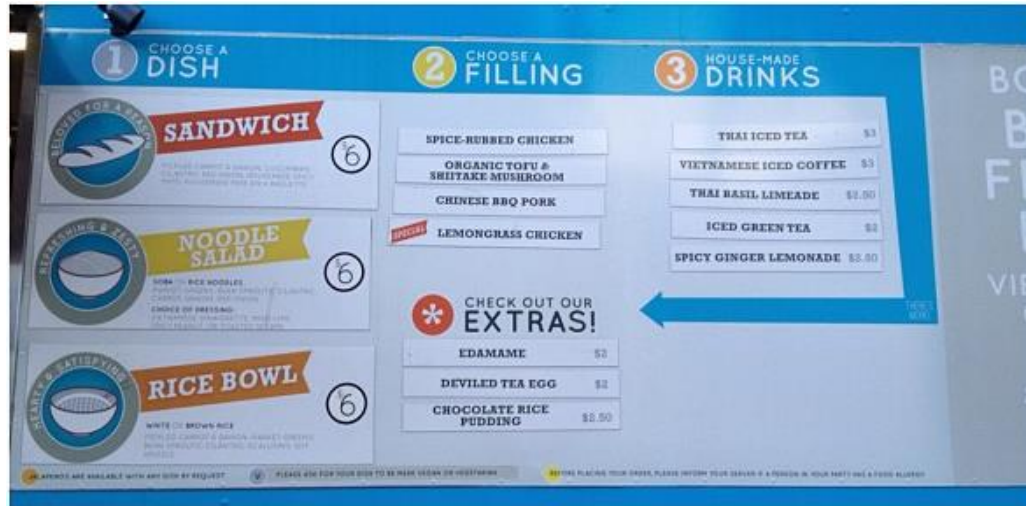


Finish up

- ▶ Final adjustments
- ▶ Wrap / paint
- ▶ Inspections
- ▶ Permits



Lessons learned for the second truck



Truck Layout



Generators

- ▶ Plan your wattage needs
- ▶ Fuel choice
 - ▶ Propane
 - ▶ Diesel
 - ▶ Gasoline



Unforeseen hitches



- ▶ Frozen pipes (and food!)
- ▶ Juggling appliances
- ▶ Towing cars
- ▶ Restocking



Thank you!

