

# The Odyssey Of A Van Conversion.....

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It all started some 12 years ago when I first met Gary Miller. He is the owner of Personalized Vans and Truck in San Jose California. I needed some simple work done on my old passenger van. That's when I got hooked. Gary showed me the finished work on his van and I knew that someday I too would have a van built by Gary to my specs. It has taken me 12 years to finally purchase a large cargo van and be ready to customize the interior of my van and where do I go to get this work done? Only one place could do it with style, and class, and lots of attention to detail, and that is Gary Miller of Personalized Vans. I drove 21 hours to get to Gary, and he and his able assistant Anacito did the rest. Below are some of the photos taken. Its hard to imagine that out of this chaos was born a state of the art classy comfy coach, that I can work from (I am a photographer/writer) eat in, sleep in, and enjoy as my travelling home away from home. This is art in it's truest form!



**First we do the headliner on the new roof**



**Anacito at work**



**Old roof comes off**



**New roof goes on**



**Anacito screws down the new roof**



**Interior work begins**



**The cabinet starts to take shape**

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Cabinet with fridge and storage is done



Upper storage cabinet



Interior cabinets w hardwood floor



Interior window valence, shelf and new wall covering

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**From torn apart with no roof ..... to**



**Torn apart with new roof and headliner .....to**



**Rear shelf, headliner and cabinets**

**From concept to completion.** When I saw my van in these various stages I said to Gary. “who vandalized my van?” It was as if my van had been completely destroyed. However it is better than I ever expected. I am unduly proud of the work Gary Miller and Anacito did on my van. I am not related to Gary, nor am I an employee, nor am I compensated in any way for writing this article. This is the 3rd time Gary Miller has worked on a van for me, and I feel that all who wish to have a van conversion visit Gary at his shop in San Jose, California. I am doing this for Gary to promote his shop and his excellent workmanship.

**You can call Gary at 408-436-8244.** The rest is up to you. Thank you Gary and Anacito.



**TV Shelf**



**Interior with finished bed.**