BUSINESS NOTE

Austin Kleon on teardowns and fixer-uppers

Austin Kleon opens a recent newsletter with a developer who tore down a house at the end of his street and cut down every tree on the lot, drawing from the sight the thought that "if it can be built, it can be torn down." The post holds the demolition and the oxblood and rain lilies that came up afterward in the same frame.

A planner or journal maker can borrow that structure for a guided notebook that gives each spread one page for what came apart and the facing page for what grew in its place. A printable journal titled something like After the Teardown gives buyers a place to record both halves of a season, which suits the reflective mood of fall.

Source: **Austin Kleon, Are we a teardown or a fixer-upper?**
https://austinkleon.com/2026/10/13/are-we-a-teardown-or-a-fixer-upper/