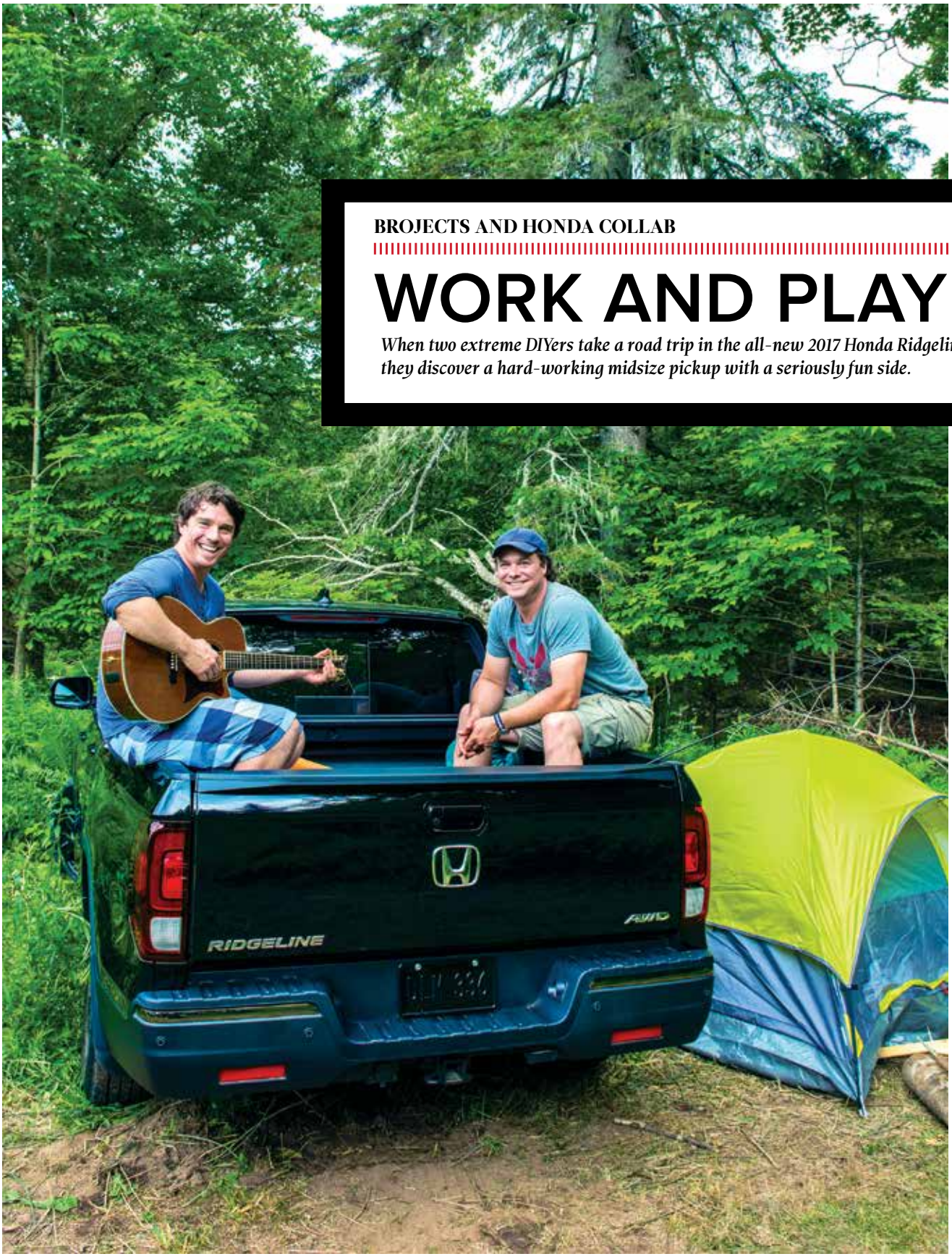


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WORK AND PLAY

When two extreme DIYers take a road trip in the all-new 2017 Honda Ridgeline, they discover a hard-working midsize pickup with a seriously fun side.

HONDA

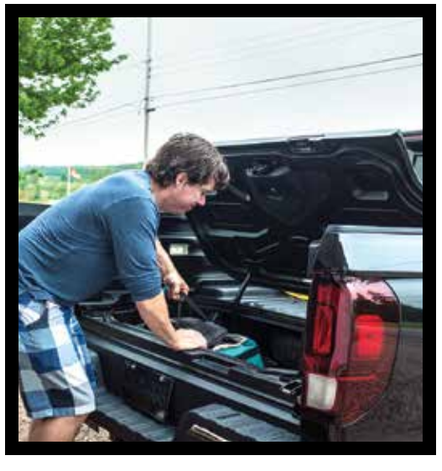
PICKUP GAMES

Hey, brothers—got anything fun planned for the weekend?

THIS CALLS FOR A GETAWAY. To celebrate two hit Cottage Life Television series, ***Projects*** and ***Projects: In the House***, and 10 years of unconventional, off-the-wall DIY collaborations, brothers Kevin and Andrew Buckles are going camping in a 2017 Ridgeline, Honda's completely reimagined and redesigned midsize pickup. Why Ridgeline? The truck has the rugged durability the serious DIYer needs, the comfortable ride a long trip to the cottage demands, and tailgate-ready features when it's time to play.

The Buckles bros are taking it easy this weekend, tackling a simple throwing-game project, but for big jobs, they know the Ridgeline is the only truck in its class that has a 4'2" flat bed space, available Trunk-Bed Audio System™, dual-action tailgate and lockable In-Bed Trunk™. These are just a few of many smart, work-ready features that make it a top pick for cottagers with projects on the go—and who want to have fun on the road.

Catch the brothers' camping adventure at **cottagelife.com/BrojectsRidgeline**





1 DUAL-ACTION TAILGATE
On the trip, the bros quickly discover how easy the Dual-Action Tailgate makes loading and unloading. Swing it to the side to pack gear deep in the bed with less bending. (As Andrew likes to point out, Kevin's back is not as young as it used to be.) Or flip down the gate for long loads, secured to eight heavy-duty tie-down cleats. Tools go in the waterproof, lockable In-Bed Trunk™ (that also has a drain plug and can be used as a cooler).

2 JOB-READY TRUCK BED
The Ridgeline has over 4' of flat bed space between the wheel wells. It's the only midsize truck with that capacity. When the brothers start a major DIY project, they can bring more materials to the cottage in one trip, and, with the bed's scratch-resistant composite surface, Andrew has stopped worrying about how it will look after Kevin finishes unloading.

3 INTERIOR COMFORT
Car and Driver magazine says the Ridgeline's interior "feels enormous and comfortable front and rear,"—it should, with seating for five, up to 109 cu. ft. of interior space, and available Tri-Zone Automatic Climate Control. The 60/40 Split Lift-Up Rear Seats—"cool feature," says Kevin—provide maximum flexibility to fit more gear in the cab without crowding passengers.

4 CONNECTED INSIDE AND OUT
Kevin can connect his smartphone to get directions and weather updates by connecting to the 8" dashboard touch-screen Display Audio System with Apple Carplay™ and Android Auto™. He can also play his music collection and listen to it through the available 540-watt premium audio system with eight speakers. And when the tailgate party starts, the brothers play the tunes outside with the available industry-first Truck-Bed Audio System™, turning the Ridgeline into an outdoor entertainment system.

5 HONDA SENSING™
It's a long way to the lake. The Ridgeline's suite of advanced safety and driver-assistive technologies, including the Lane Keeping Assist System, Adaptive Cruise Control, and the Collision Mitigation Braking System®, helps make it a safe drive.

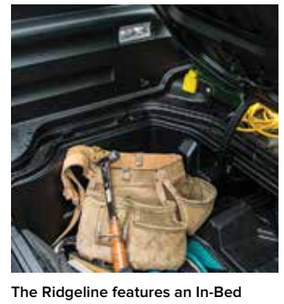
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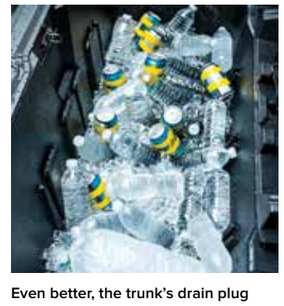
More gear, fewer passengers? Lift the rear seats for obstruction-free interior cargo space.



Cut the extension cord; the available 150W/400W Trunk-Bed Outlet powers your tools.



The Ridgeline features an In-Bed Trunk™ that's lockable and waterproof. And roomy.

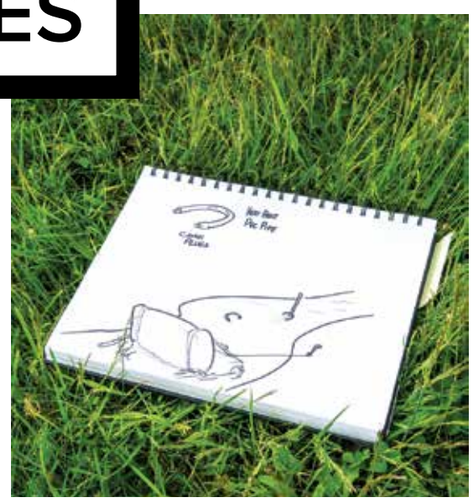


Even better, the trunk's drain plug turns it into an ice chest or a place to carry wet gear.



HORSENOODLES

"SO WE'RE CAMPING beside a shallow river," says Andrew Buckles. "What if the river becomes part of a game?" That was the jumping-off point for this quick DIY project, a throwing game the brothers call "Horsenoodles." The rules are simple: stand in the water, toss floating horseshoes upstream, aiming for a sturdy pipe planted in the riverbed. Hook the pipe, stay there, and score. Miss the pipe and the horsenoodle comes back, boomerang-style. "The river kept pulling the horsenoodles off the pipe," reports Andrew. "Maybe next time we'll make rings."













MATERIALS:
- ½" PVC electrical conduit
- floating noodle pool toys
- ½" corks
- rebar or rigid pipe

TOOLS:
- hand saw
- sandpaper
- funnel
- heat gun
- gloves
- utility knife

1. Saw the PVC conduit into 18" lengths and smooth any rough edges with sandpaper. (To make rings, instead of shoes, cut 27" lengths.)

2. Using the funnel, fill the conduit with sand. The sand will help you bend it into a smooth, kink-free curve. Plug in the heat gun and put on your gloves, then heat the conduit until it's pliable. Gently bend the hot conduit into a smooth U-shape (or ring). Let cool and empty out the sand.

3. You'll need floating noodle toys that have a hollow core. Slip the noodle over the bent conduit. Using a utility knife, trim the excess noodle.

4. In the hardware store, if you find corks that fit the conduit, you're almost done. If not, it's easy to adapt wine corks. Using the utility knife, carefully trim wine corks, sanding to ensure the seal in the conduit is as watertight as possible. Fill the conduit with water and cork the horsenoodles—the added weight makes them easier to throw. "Plus, they'll be regulation weight," says Andrew. "And there will be official regulations. Once we make them up."

YOU COULD WIN! Visit cottagelife.com/BrojectsRidgeline to watch the Brojects camping weekend online. Enter the Brojects Do Ridgeline Challenge for a chance to win a Honda HRR216PKC lawnmower ($589 MSRP).*

*Must be 18 to enter.