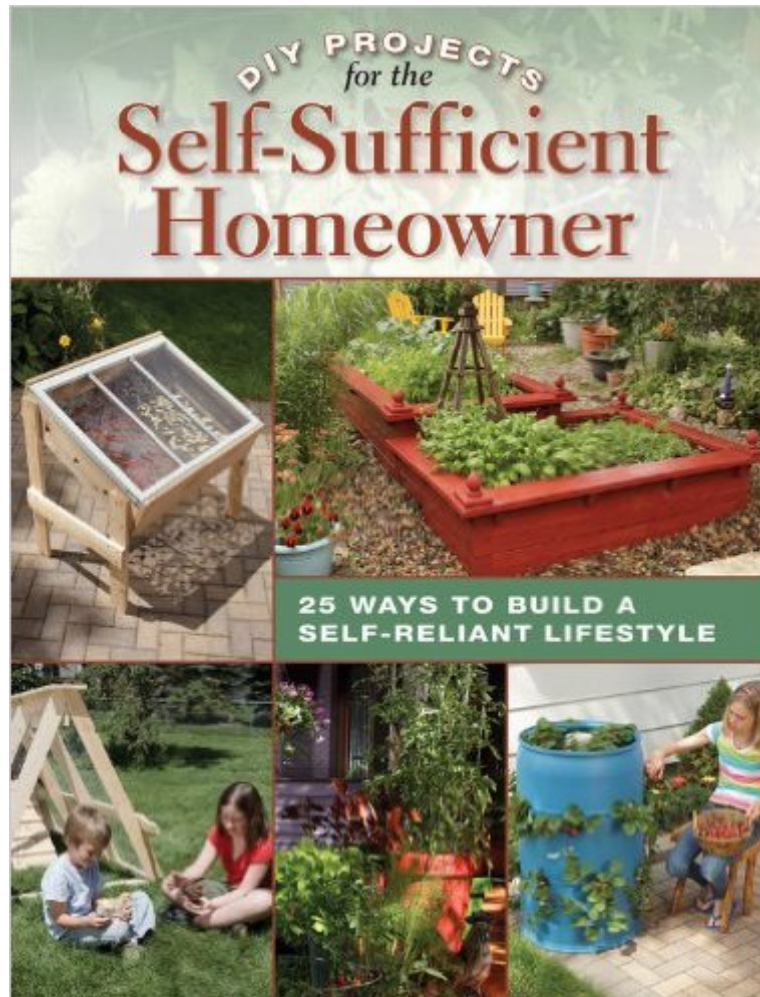


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DIY Projects For The Self-Sufficient Homeowner: 25 Ways To Build A Self-Reliant Lifestyle



Synopsis

Build your way to a more self-sufficient lifestyle with step-by-step projects for backup and supplementary utilities--including independent water, heat, and electricity--growing and storing food, raising small livestock, beekeeping, and more. Many of the projects require basic materials available at your everyday home center, but this book also provides valuable DIY resources for solar, hydro, greenhouse, and gardening needs. This book will help you build security with utility backup systems and become more sustainable, resulting in less dependence on city systems for basic needs. Whether you have a city plot or simply pots, this book includes all of the information needed to plan, build, and succeed with greater self-sufficiency.

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Customer Reviews

For all those who have started growing their own, here are 25 ways to help you on your way to the good life. Being self-sufficient is a lifestyle choice that helps the environment and keeps you healthy and fit. Learn how to save water, make compost, build a compost bin, planters, raised beds, a greenhouse or hoop frame and a cold frame. On the gardening front learn how to grow and transplant seedlings. Discover how to preserve what you have grown, set up a root cellar. Find out about raising animals. Build a chicken run and beehive. See the benefits of going solar to provide heat and light for the house. This book covers many things, it is particularly good on the building side - the instructions for making frames etc are very good. Then it dabbles in raising animals and solar power and I think these things are not as well covered as they could have been. I see this as a book

about making objects that facilitate growing, a subject it covers admirably. This review first appeared on Karen Platt's book review website.

I was very impressed with this book. Our family does raised gardens and grows some of our own crops. But, we are always looking for more ideas and ways to increase production, lengthen the growing season, and make better use of the urban space we have. I loved the greenhouse and hoop house ideas. We are getting the supplies ready and will be building in a few weeks. The strawberry garden barrel seems like a great improvement over the green hanging "growing bags" we have bought in the past. I am quite excited to get to work on that project. I found the pictures to be very useful that went hand in hand with very easy step by step instructions for each project. A lot of other DIY books or books along these lines don't have anywhere near as many details or pictures. We have already built a chicken tractor (a lot of time, planning, and hard work... but worth it!) and it would have been great to have the chicken ark directions then. The only thing missing that we would've REALLY liked to see is a DIY project on a SOLAR OVEN. **I will update and let you know how the building goes when more of the projects get done.**

It is a great book with many good ideas for the small/property home DIY person. I am going to enjoy planning this winter and doing next summer.

Although there is a lot of good ideas in this book it is geared more toward the beginning homesteader or backyard gardener and not those that are seasoned at living this lifestyle. There were a few new ideas that I liked but most were redundant from the web and other books

I really liked this book. After checking it out from the library several times I finally bought by own copy. Great projects from beginner to a more self sufficient lifestyle. Great photos to inspire you. I especially liked the cold frame design. A must have for the backyard homesteader looking to add some new life and wider use to their backyard. Would make a GREAT gift!

I thought it would contain more projects geared toward DIY preppers but it is more for the suburban home who is just beginning. Projects are very basic and easy even if you have never done it before. If you are looking for more advanced projects (building a potty, etc) skip this one.

when I ordered this book my husband said I am not doing any of those projects. the first day this

book arrived he was the one reading it and book marking all the projects he was going to try. these projects are well laid out and simple enough I could do most of them.

This book is okay if you are totally new to the subject and need some ideas. This book had great potential with some of the ideas it presented but instead of going into detail on any of its ideas it kind of just gave a very broad view of how to do something and left it there. I would have loved to read some more in-depth information on the ideas they gave, like keeping Bees and Solar Power. It would be a nice gift but if you are shopping for yourself you are better off looking up ideas free online and then buy a more in-depth book on that particular subject.

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