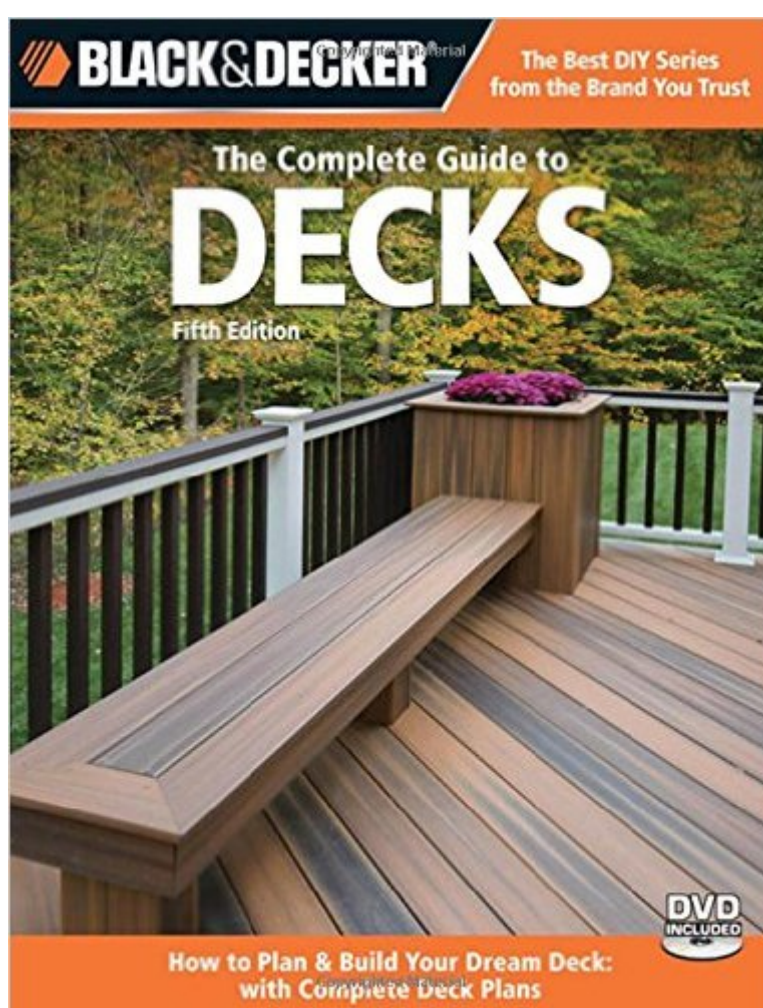


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# Black & Decker The Complete Guide To Decks, Updated 5th Edition: Plan & Build Your Dream Deck Includes Complete Deck Plans (Black & Decker Complete Guide)



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The most detailed, most current and most complete deck building book on the market. It reflects the latest changes in building codes and it features deck building materials that are popular today. The additional two signatures (32 pages) contain all-new deck plans with complete plan drawings. Updates to the materials section focus on new composite and non-wood deck building alternatives, as well as the current generation of deck hardware that resists corrosion caused by non-CCA pressure treated lumber. Step-by-step projects feature clever ways to customize and accessorize your deck to enhance both utility and enjoyment.

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## Customer Reviews

If your looking for a book that gives a lot of general knowledge about decks because your thinking about hiring someone to build it for you than I would recommned this book, BUT if your looking for a book to help you build a deck than I would not recommend this book. The instructions are basic and very vague as are the plans.

Read it from front to back. I'm going to build a deck this summer and wanted to learn all about it and figure out how to do it on the cheap but still be nice and have unquie features. This book helped me do all those things.I will note however that I ordered this from the vender "Why Pay More and Fast Shipping" and they gave me the 4th edition instead of the 5th...and it had rips in the covers, so

watch out for them.

I'm a semi-handi man and was contemplating building backyard deck on a fairly good gradient (10-13 feet above grade). I also wanted to know how far I could push the design to maximize the clear span beneath the deck. This book helped me quickly determine the art of the possible and more importantly to know that I was in over my head. In the end... It has helped me to speak and ask educated questions and to get the deck I really want. Worth every cent!

Planning on building a deck, possibly hiring a contractor. Have found it very useful when talking to contractors to verify the information they give. Does not provide very in depth information but enough information to give you an understanding of the whole process of codes and permits. Gives very good construction information with pictures, I have found it very useful and feel confident about tackling it myself.

Being a remodeler of my own home I needed some advice on redoing a very weak deck design. This book goes into great details for laying out and executing a variety of deck types. I had read several before but none seem to be as all encompassing as this one!

Serious shortcomings in planning section. Planning is to me the most important part. Isn't a book that is supposed to be a "complete guide to Decks" show how to plan a deck? I do know how to make things, have a wood working shop. But I've never built a deck before. I was looking for competent guidance in the planning stage. In this edition, the terms used in planning are used, but not really explained. There is no illustration or diagram to show what the terms mean. There is a chart that is supposed to be used to determine "diameters for post footing (inches)" but it makes no sense, and there is no explanation. Included in that chart, supposedly to be taken into consideration, is the type of soil: but the choices are clay, sand or gravel. Black dirt is not included, but it doesn't matter because the numbers shown for the soil types don't make sense anyways. How many diameters are available? I only know about 4" x 4" or 6" x 6" wood. What is a "footing size"? What is an "Intermediate foot"? The rest of the book is helpful, showing fasteners, basic assembly of decks and some deck projects. But for me, this book is kind of useless without clear information about planning. I wish I hadn't bought this book. Maybe another edition might be better.

Excellent general reference guide to building a deck. Considerable improvement over my dated diy

deck books. Reviewed numerous deck books and selected the Black & Decker as the most clear and comprehensive. Highly recommended.

The publication is attractive and covers a wide range of concepts. If you are planning on DIY, this book may offer too much emphasis on large, complex decks. I am replacing a deck that I built 20 years ago and wanted to update my knowledge. There are maybe a dozen pages in this book that were helpful (maximum spans, standard dimensions, code applications, etc.) but I found the same material on line and free. Look on the web for what you need first.

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