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The Complete Do-it-Yourself Manual Newly Updated



Synopsis

The leading manual for home improvements is getting an update to address current codes, latest materials, tools and technology. The bestselling, most comprehensive guide to home improvements has been revised and updated once again since its revision in 2005. Over 10 million copies of **READER'S DIGEST COMPLETE DO-IT-YOURSELF MANUAL** have been sold since its original publication in 1973. In 2005, the manual got bigger and better than ever, when *The Family Handyman* and *Reader's Digest* joined forces and completely revised, updated, rewrote, and redesigned this home improvement classic. Now in 2014, *The Family Handyman* has once again updated and revised this do-it-yourself classic to make it relevant to today's homeowners and DIYers.. Written in a style of text that addresses readers in a very accessible, conversational tone for easy, user-friendly assistance with every do-it-yourself task. All instructions and materials have been updated to address current codes (electrical, plumbing and building), and revised to indicate the very latest in materials, tools, and technology. Suitable for beginners and experts alike, this newly revised edition includes:

- Over 3,000 photos and illustrations to make complex projects and repairs easy to understand
- Twice as many storage projects that help home owners cut clutter
- New building materials that yield great-looking, long-lasting results and low maintenance!
- New technology that lets homeowners save energy, add convenience or improve security.
- New building codes that make homes safer, more energy-efficient and trouble-free.

The book's tried-and-true instructions provide do-it-yourself solutions to a ton of problems that could cost a fortune if you had to hire a professional. This manual is a **must-have** reference guide for every home-owning man or woman.

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Customer Reviews

What an amazing resource this is. I've been in or around the skilled trades my entire life (I don't mean just my adult life; my dad gave me tools for every birthday and Christmas starting with my first one). And for several years, I was a licensed Master Electrician. There aren't many "handy man" jobs that I can't do. I expected to learn a few things from this book, but even with that background I came across one gem after another that I hadn't known. As a further note on my background, I've been writing and editing for the nation's leading electrical trade magazine since 1996. So when I come across any book or article related to the skilled trades, I'm as concerned with the quality of the writing as with the accuracy of the information. Additionally, for nearly as many years I've been working with the nation's leading developer of electrical exam preparation products and other electrical training materials; so I have a keen appreciation of the need for setting the tone. I've also written several guides and standards for the National Electrical Contractors Association, which serves the nation's electrical unions; there, a huge concern is addressing all areas of knowledge that an electrician will need on the job. This "completeness" is another aspect beyond the ones I've mentioned. In this book, all of these (and others) have been done with a great deal of care to get it right. It is an understatement to say I am impressed. Even the arrangement of the book reflects correctly "setting the tone." When I've tried to teach someone how to do a skilled trade task, I've often found the person didn't really understand the tools for doing the job.

EXCELLENT resource book! When I first saw this book, I wondered, "Why would someone utilize this big heavy book when they could just use Google and/or YouTube?" Well, I had both my 21-year-old son and my 48-year-old husband read through this book, and here are their answers to my question: My son said, "I'd use this book instead of Google, because it's not going to disappear on me ... where the power or the Internet connection could." My husband said, "I'd use this book instead of YouTube, because I can easily carry this book into another room with me. And the layout is great for easy reference, versus YouTube where I'd have to keep replaying the video." My son also had other comments regarding this book. He thought it was very complete with simple to follow instructions. He was also impressed with the progressive project instructions. My husband loved the large pages and the well-designed layouts for each project page. He appreciated how the book

covered so many basics - like why there are so many different types of nails. He did wish that more of the projects offered "home remedies" for issues (like a stuck screw) versus needing to go out and buy more equipment to solve the problem. He also wished some of the projects went further into detail. But overall he said he'd love to own a copy of this book and it would be an excellent resource for anyone to have on hand. So what about my opinion of this book? Well, to be honest, I do not like to fix things myself. However, when I looked at the table of contents in this book - - - I was surprised to find organizational and storage tips to maximize the space in your house.

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