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Complete Book Of Framing: An Illustrated Guide For Residential Construction





Synopsis

The updated easy-to-learn reference for rough carpentry and framing Complete Book of Framing, Second Edition is an updated, easy-to-learn guide to rough carpentry and framing written by an expert with more than thirty years of framing experience. This book guides the reader through the steps on framing floors, walls, roofs, door and window openings, and stairs. Hundreds of color photographs and illustrations help the reader understand the basics as well as advanced framing methods. This Second Edition is updated to match the framing techniques to the 2009 International Building Code, and introduces the concept of "green framing" regarding material use and handling. Deals with the new corrosive treating methods that began to be used in 2004 for pressure treated wood Covers the time and energy-saving benefits of positive placement nail guns, which have become the industry standard for fastening light gage hardware Includes a glue-laminated beam weight chart, along with a description of crane operations for setting these beams. Starting with the basics, this book begins with types of lumber, nails, and what tools are needed, followed by detailed, fully illustrated steps for framing each building elementâ "from planning and layout through specific nailing patterns. Framer-Friendly Tips throughout the book show how to get a task done rightâ "and more easily.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This is a pretty good book, but lacks simple details. The author assumes you are already a framer, or at least that you have a good bit of knowledge on the craft. For instance, there isn't any

instruction on fabricating the corners for walls properly. This would be necessary in order to be able to hang the drywall. He tells you how to lay out the tool storage in a framing van. Really? People can't figure that out on their own? He talks about "crowning" studs. but stops there. Nowhere does he mention how to do this. If you are handy with tools but need to know how to frame up a simple structure, I'd get the Ortho book instead. It's more geared toward the non-professional, once-in-a-while framer like me.

I am an architect with 40 years experience, so my concern was that the book might be too elementary. I learned some things and got my money's worth. I recommend the book.

I have worked as a trim carpenter for many years and this is by far the best book out there. The illustrations are abundant, relevant and code specific. Truly the only book you will ever need!

I don't work in construction. I am an educator. I am quite handy and do a lot of small improvement projects at home myself. I am building a shed and while I am self-taught in basic framing techniques, I decided to further educate myself on the subject to avoid any costly mistakes. When I first started reading this book, it occurred to me that I was learning pretty much nothing new. Most chapters seemed written by Captain Obvious (like "put one board on the top of another, hold the nail to the top board, pound with the hammer until the nail sinks; now your boards are fastened"---this is an exaggeration, but really, a lot of stuff reads like this). There are some useful practical advises, but overall I was not impressed. Besides, at least 100 pages are dedicated to the management of the framing crew, safety of the crew and other information not quite relevant the do-it-yoursefer. The book might be useful for someone who wants to learn the trade from scratch without having any previous knowledge, though.I also ordered the older edition of House Framing by John D. Wagner. The Wagner's book is hands down more useful for a person like me. It is more concise and and in most parts skips things that are obvious for any do-it-yourselfer. It has more practical advises and I like the figures better than in Scott Simpson's book.

WOW this book is outstanding! This book has great illustrations, instructions and photos in it. The amount of detail is incredible, this guy covers it all with clear and concise instructions, this book explains how to do framing very good. I am extremely impressed with this book. Whether you are a beginner or weekend warrior re-modeler or experienced pro, this book has something to offer each person. I was impressed with the amount of precision and concise details in each section of this

book, it discusses, the planning, layout, the actual how to do it yourself, the materials purchasing, the tools to use and how to use them. The building codes that need to be used and proper standards of framing. This is all done for all framing, from the floor of a home to the walls, inner and outer, load and non load bearing, to second or third story homes, and the framing of various types of roofs. This book is an encyclopedia of framing, the best if not one of the best framing books I have ever used or read and I have not even gotten to read all of it completely yet but it has helped me a great deal already in month time. I just wish I had learned of or found this book sooner. If a weekend re-modeler or small business type like me can read this book and actually apply what the author instructs and it works, then anyone can. I highly recommend this book to anyone, especially if you are just starting out and want to learn or have self help with framing, this book is wonderful. And there is enough of more advanced ideas in it for the pro framer also. Buy it you will not regret it.

The book is very easy to understand and detailed. Filled in the holes for me on framing where I did not understand. Awesome reference book I'll keep in my library.

Not nearly as good as "Graphic Guide to Frame Construction (For Pros By Pros)". This kind of reads like a magizene or a "framing for dummies" sort of book.

Great book that I reference a lot for being able to look over plans and check on construction work being done by others, caught my contractor lying about short changing the way things are done and got his work flagged by inspectors until it was corrected. Hashelp with my own little projects as well and gave me a much better understanding into the framing world.

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