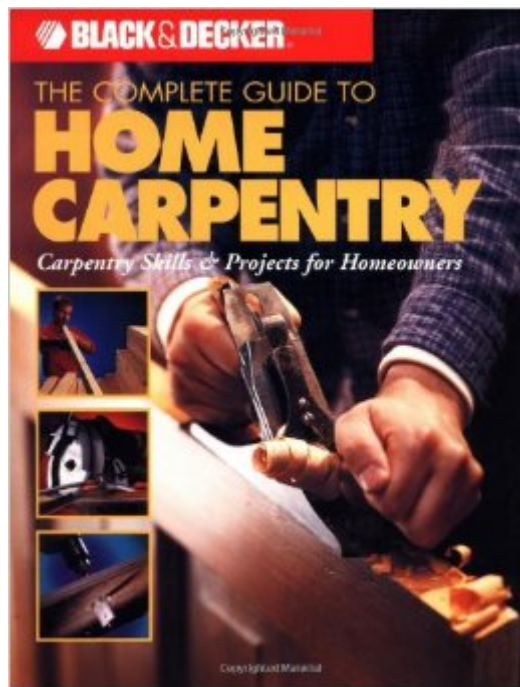


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# The Complete Guide To Home Carpentry : Carpentry Skills & Projects For Homeowners (Black & Decker Home Improvement Library)



## Synopsis

The Complete Guide to Home Carpentry combines the most popular carpentry projects with up-to-date information on tools, techniques, and materials required for home projects. Easy-to-use photo-driven pages show readers the most common saw cuts, nailing techniques, router designs, and skills for using dozens of other tools. Projects range from framing a partition wall, building shelves, and installing windows and doors, to hanging cabinets, cutting countertops, and installing trim. Readers even learn how to remove walls for remodeling projects. This book contains everything readers need for their projects - both new construction and repairs - in user-friendly detail. Color photos accompany each technique and project. The result is an indispensable resource for any homeowner planning a carpentry project, large or small. Highlights: Contains hundreds of the indoor and outdoor carpentry projects and techniques most useful to homeowners. Covers basic framing, window and door installation, and trim detail, plus installing cabinets, countertops, and shelves. Shows how to use and maintain carpentry tools, such as hand and power saws, routers, drills, sanders, and more.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a neat little book, despite the name 'Black & Decker', which I stay away from like the plague. As a girl, I know very little on carpentry in general. This isn't a bad book to have to give you a

starting point and some little projects to put together to gauge yourself. I always liked the idea of fixing up the house--but liking the idea, and being able to ACTUALLY DO IT are totally different things. So, my first project I started with was the workbench plan, and modified it a bit to suit my needs, just to see if I had a knack for this kind of thing. I can't even begin to say how much I like the plan for the workbench. It ends up making a very sturdy table. (I added locking wheels to the bottom of mine, and used 2 sheets of 3/4" MDF board as the top instead of plywood.) This book obviously isn't meant for someone who already knows it all. As the title says, 'Carpentry for Homeowners', not 'Carpentry for Carpenters'. So, if you've got some projects you want to try out, this is certainly a nice addition to your library--even if you're just a tad bit interested. The first 100 pages are just telling you what certain tools are, what they're used for, and how to use them. Kind of basic stuff, but for me, it was a good start. One thing I don't like about the book is that it's glue-bound. What I mean by that is that it's glued to the cover and all that, and so it has a tendency to flop closed on you. Hardly functional if you're trying to learn WHAT to do WHILE doing it. The easiest way to fix this is to take it to your local Kinko's, or somewhere else that binds books, and have them chop the spine off, laminate the covers, and coil bind it for you. (Be ready to pay ~\$12 for this, though) Now, you have a functional book you can leave open without having to weigh it down! Here's a list of the things covered inside the book, just to let you know if it's worth it for you.

Basic Carpentry:- Anatomy of a House- Preparing the Work Area- Building Walls- Soundproofing- Installing Wallboard- Installing Interior Doors- Mounting Bifold Doors- Installing a Storm Door- Installing Door & Window Casings- Installing Window Trim- Installing Base Molding- Paneling an Attic Ceiling- Installing Wainscoting- Covering Foundation Walls- Framing Basement Foundation Walls- Trimming Basement Windows

Advanced Carpentry- Enlarging Openings & Removing Walls- Removing Wallboard- Removing Plaster- Removing Exterior Surfaces- Removing Doors & Windows- Removing a Non-loadbearing Wall- Installing an Attic Access Ladder- Framing & Installing Doors- Framing & Installing Windows- Installing New Window Sashes- Installing a Standard Skylight- Installing a Bay Window- Patching Wood Siding & Stucco- Patching Flooring

Cabinets & Countertops- Removing Trim & Old Cabinets- Preparing for New Cabinets- Installing Cabinets- Installing Countertops- Building a Custom Laminate Countertop

If you are already a tradesperson, this book might STILL be good for review. But, if like me, you are a homeowner interested in repairs and maintenance, and perhaps some light carpentry to plane a door, build some storage or the like, this is THE book. Easy to follow, step-by-step comprehensive instructions with clear photos for each important step, lists of tools and fixin's to do the job, it's all

there. Lots of projects, easy to use- a reference I won't do without.

I bought this book for a garage project of mine and the decent reviews it had. I must say the reviews are well deserved. This book offers plenty of photos and well explained "how-to" guide lines. Detailed explanation with photos of all the tools you'll need for your project. I can now do my projects with confidence considering I am a novice at carpentry. Excellent choice for the novice.

I got this book from my wife for Christmas, and I was immediately able to use it! I'm a computer geek, and usually when I get a hammer in my hand, it ends up either hitting my fingers or making a bigger hole in the wall. This book teaches ALL the basics, from how to saw wood to how to frame and install a new door in a new wall! The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars is that it's still a reference book - it's not something that I'd pore over in the middle of the night and couldn't put down. It's still a great book!

I wanted to make some improvements to my home but did not know anything about carpentry. My background is in finance and technology. So I checked out about 7 books at my local library. This book along with several others really impressed me. It has a lot of great photographs to help one understand how things are constructed. I think that it is important to have good tools if one wants to do a job well. This would be one 'tool'. I also purchased the Home Carpenter & Woodworker's Repair Manual by William P Spence, to get another perspective. Don't just limit yourself to one book on a subject like this. See what your local library has check out those books and find the ones that work for you.

I worked under a carpenter for some time for carpentry experience. To be honest, working under someone gave me more experience than a book but they may not be as accurate as a book in terminology. So I bought this as a way to fill in the missing information the carpenter never taught me or was unable to. Great book that really introduces you to many techniques in the carpentry trade. Though Carpentry looks easy, it's all about how creative the carpenter can get and a good understanding of weight distribution. In addition, I bought this book to get a bigger understanding of what tools/supplies/vitamins/glues are used in the carpentry industry.

The Black and Decker Complete Guide series are excellent. However, this book is basic for me. Good book for those who are looking for basic knowledge on carpentry. I'd give a 5 star if the book

had more advanced projects of framing details of bathrooms and porches.

The Black & Decker Series is a tremendous reference if your undertaking any Do It Yourself projects around the house. I enjoy referencing these so much we bought the entire series. A great addition to any handymans library with plenty of pictures and step by step directions to tackling tasks you would normally call someone for. It provides a great opportunity to save money by being able to take care of some projects yourself.

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