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Building Screened Rooms: Creating Backyard Retreats, Screening In Existing Structures, A Complete How-to Guide





Synopsis

Expand your living space by enclosing an existing porch, patio, deck or gazebo with this new edition from Sunset's outdoor building experts. It has everything you need to transform open outdoor areas into functional, inviting rooms for year-round use. Includes detailed step-by-step photography and building instructions for commonly used enclosure materials such as screened frames, the ScreenTight system, screened panels, and screen enclosure kits.

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Customer Reviews

This book has good information, nice pictures and usable designs for building screened rooms. Excellent "how to" methodology along with lumber specifications, loads and design detail. Best book I've found for screened room subject matter.

This book helped me to understand that there is much more involved with building a screened porch than I could handle myself. The directions were clear enough that I think any do-it-yourself-er with some experience under her belt could do a fine job. Not as many examples as I would have liked to have seen.

I bought this book specifically because it said it would show you how to build a screened room. From the book's front cover, "A complete how-to guide." I had been turned off by other books which simply said if you want a Gazebo, buy a kit and here's how to put it together. I don't have the budget to build from a kit. I need to put in the sweat equity. I bought Building Screened Rooms because I saw that it did have directions and a material list. I took it to the lumber yard to buy the materials. They explained that there was not enough detailed instructions or material specs to be able to build this. He said, "If you have a really knowledgeable builder, he may be able to figure this out for you." Not everyone is rich enough to just drop a wad of money on some architect, landscaper, builder, gardner and step back and watch them do the work. There are real live people out here who need directions because we are willing to work to attain what we want and can't just buy everything. I am so completely and hopelessly disappointed!!!

I purchased this book in the hope it would cover homes that have the patio already attached to the house with two of the walls. The builder of my home had a patio already built, attached to the back of the house, roof, back and one side wall. I was looking for ideas to enclose the other two walls but the book didn't really cover any designs. Don't get me wrong it's a great book if you are starting from scratch. I would recommend this book for anyone wanting to build a detached or attached screen room. It has some great designs and offers a variety of methods to screen.

Got this for my husband because he was planning to cover and screen in our existing deck. He really liked all the different projects in the book...gazebos, etc. He found the diagrams and explanations helpful. Might not be enough info if you're not already a seasoned DIY'er.

The Sunset Porch book was really great. Very inspirational and informative with great pictures. So I had high hopes for this book on Screened Rooms, but was disappointed at how short it was and how little it had to say. Still, not a bad book but definitely not great.

This book shows many versions of the old screened porch. There are some beautiful rooms here and I enjoyed looking through it very much. Gave me a lot of good ideas for the future with my own screened porch.

I would like to screen in an existing porch and I found very little useful information in this book. If you want pictures of screened porches or very general information then this book would be ok. If you actually want to screen in a porch yourself, keep looking, this book will not help.

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