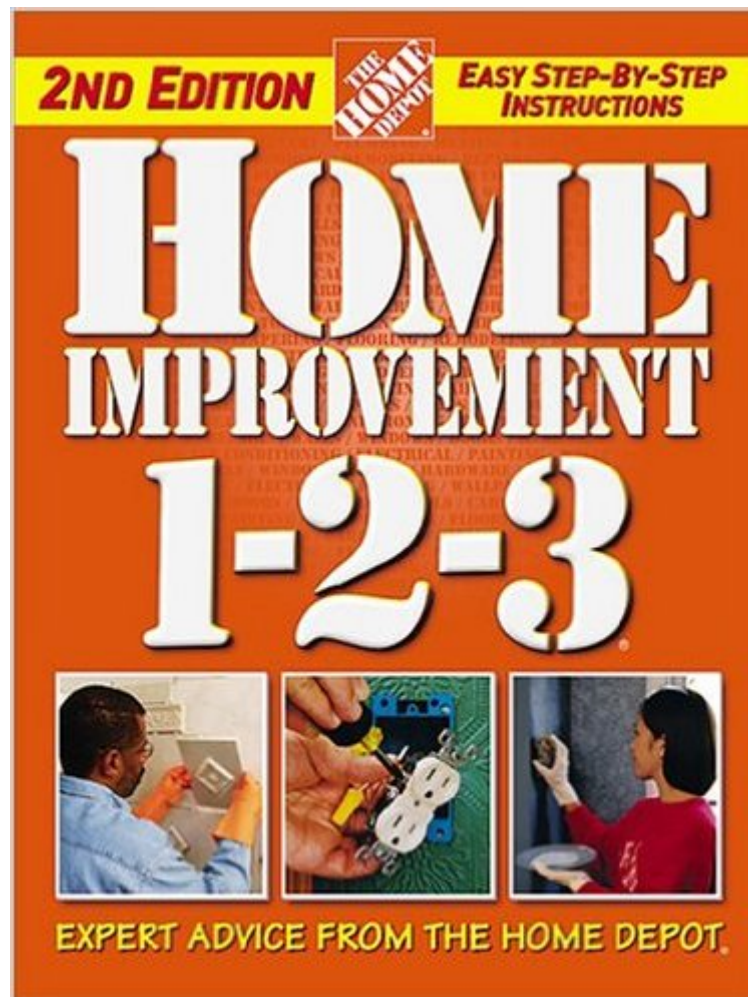


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# Home Improvement 1-2-3: Expert Advice From The Home Depot (Home Depot ... 1-2-3)



## Synopsis

The first edition of Home Improvement 1-2-3 quickly became a workbench classic. The new edition—with 340 projects, 3,500 color photographs, and more than 100 illustrations, charts, and graphs—offers up-to-the-minute solutions for homeowners tackling home repair, maintenance, and improvement. Chapters cover painting, wallpaper, plumbing, electrical system, walls and ceilings, flooring, doors, windows, cabinets, shelves, countertops, insulation, weatherproofing, exterior maintenance, heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning. Clear, concise instructions accompanied by detailed how-to photographs ensure your success no matter what your skill level. Every project offers tips, shortcuts and advice on buying and using tools and materials, working safely, avoiding common mistakes, saving time and money, and developing skills. Home Improvement 1-2-3 also reviews new tools, technology, materials, and installation techniques.

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## Customer Reviews

As a first time homeowner last year I didn't have a good sense of maintenance items and remodeling options. I picked this book up after looking at several competing home repair manuals at Home Depot. The book is very "user friendly" for the new home owner. The book is well organization, offers wide coverage, and is based around photos. The sections are color coded by topic like plumbing, painting, electrical so that you can find your project quickly. Once in the general category the book covers numerous related projects, which allows you to consider whether related

projects are also important. Both finding your project and considering related projects are vastly helped by all the pictures. The writers/editors have tried to have pictures (that are all in color) for every major stage of a project, which makes evaluating each project much easier (competing home repair manuals are more text-based with fewer color photos). These three attributes can lead to "project spillovers" - you find related topics quickly. For example, I was interested in what was required to replace/repair roofing shingles and found on nearby pages how to install vent collars on the roof, which made me realize that I was missing collars on my house. Installing a collar turned out to stop the source of a small leak. I may have never noticed this (or taken longer to notice this) without the user-friendliness of the Home Depot guide. The user-friendliness is also the source of its weaknesses. They try to squeeze each project onto one or two pages, which does not allow much detail.

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