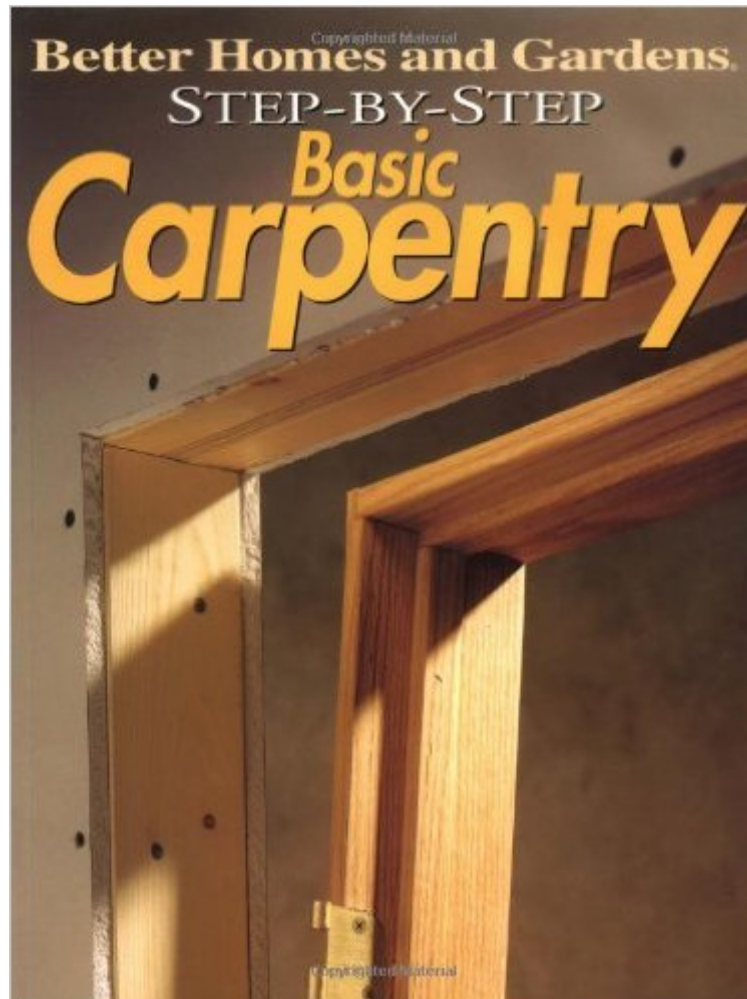


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# Step-by-Step Basic Carpentry (Better Homes & Gardens: Step By Step)



## Synopsis

A thorough, step-by-step book of basic carpentry projects and techniques that helps readers save money while improving their homes. Projects include everything from installing crown molding to hanging a door. Full-color illustrations show every project step so readers quickly grasp the instructions. Time, skills, and tools required for each project are high-lighted so readers can quickly assess the scope of each project. Highlights experts' insights, safety issues, materials buying tips, and hints about using tools.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is exactly what it claims to be - Basic Carpentry. Mostly geared for the novice, it will clearly explain many basic improvement and repair tasks around the house and workshop. It does NOT go into more advanced techniques, just gives you the basics. It's a must have, and an excellent starting place FOR THE UNINITIATED. Covering what tools to start with as well as what tools you will one day want to have - what they're used for and better still what to look for when you buy them (what do you look for in a router? They suggest no less than 1 hp...) Don't waste money on features you don't need - they give you an idea of what's important and what's not. Other books in the series work well together with little duplicate info - giving the basic homeowner/apartment dweller the basic knowledge to improve their surroundings. If you already have a firm grasp on this subject - stay

away, a more advanced book will be more useful!Definatly makes a great gift for a first time homeowner (and we all know one of those)!

I discovered this book when I visited the Better Homes and Garden's website; they have select items from the Step-By-Step Basic Carpentry that I found very useful. As a matter of fact, I found them better than my orange 1-2-3 home improvement "bible" that I also own. It contains detailed procedures for every task, including caveats, hints and gotchas. It is well illustrated and well written. I recommended to all my friends and everyone found it to be useful and easy to follow. Happy home improvement.

Utterly basic, quick read. And has answered most of my questions about my amateur carpentry projects and has taught me so much. For example, I didn't know nails were tapered unevenly for a reason. I have good sense, and knew much of what was in the book from experience and common sense, but I am so much better for having this book. I can't imagine anyone except the most seasoned master carpenter would not learn something that made the book worth the time and money to read.It is well indexed, too, so you don't really have to read the whole book if you have a specific question.There are areas where I would like more detail, but that is not what this book is about. There are many fine points, but anything that is not in the book is stuff that I need to see how to do, stuff that would not work for me just in print.The book has been far more valuable that what I paid for it.

This is a good book to show you the names of the many tools and what some of them can help you do, it's a general knowledge book. If you want more in depth then I suggest a workshop at your local college and see what books they use along with the practice.

Must say this book is very detailed in his information. More advanced books at a higher cost is a good idea but you would enjoy this book also with its information.

This book is well written, with clear instructions and good photos. Helped me tackle a crown molding task I wasn't too confident about, and turned out great.

This is exactly the way I learn carpentry with my former boss ,one of the best in Marin County love this book!!

Very comprehensive guide with helpful illustrations.

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