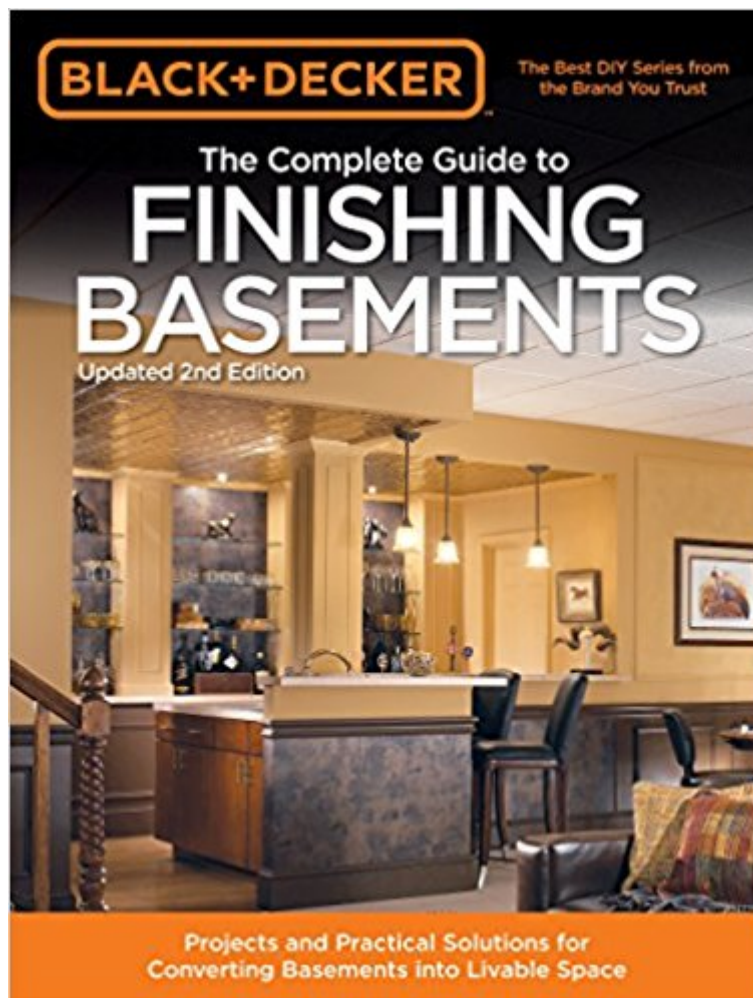




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Black & Decker The Complete Guide To Finishing Basements: Projects And Practical Solutions For Converting Basements Into Livable Space (Black & Decker Complete Guide)





Synopsis

A fact-filled, 240-page manual that covers every aspect of designing and planning a basement conversion/remodeling project. With more than 600 color photographs, this book goes into thorough detail on crucial subjects like moisture and climate control, egress, ventilation, lighting, and many other issues. It deals comprehensively with adapting home mechanical systems to basement conditions. The many featured projects include finishing a bathroom stub-out, installing an all-new basement bathroom, insulating, repairing foundation walls, installing sump pumps, dehumidification strategies, as well as many other projects designed for livability. A special focus new to this edition presents information and projects for aging in place, including home elevators and chair lifts, monitoring and communication systems, and creating an accessible basement apartment. You will also find projects that show how to upgrade with luxury amenities, including a fireplace, sauna, home spa, exercise room, basement club/lounge and more.

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Customer Reviews

About.com (5 star rating) – “This is a fat, 250+ page guide that takes you from inspiration to completion. I am not exaggerating when I say "complete," either. For instance, the guide not only presents you with at least six different basement flooring options, but goes into intricate detail about how to install each type of flooring. – “How do these Creative Publishing guides excel? The images. The images are what make these Black and Decker guides. As with previous guides, we

still have the same elaborately constructed sets populated by a diverse set of people--everything well-lit and professionally photographed. “Younger readers may be startled by the professionalism of these images. To these readers, the images may not seem real enough. If you want real, spend a day or two searching for user-generated content online and see what kind of basement you’ll be able to finish from that advice. After squinting at grainy, darkly-lit photos (accompanied by little or no text narrative) taken by irritable DIY homeowners, you’ll be praying for a crisp and clean view of the project at hand.”

Midwest Book Review

“A basement can be as fine a living space as any other area of the house. The Complete Guide to Finishing Basements is a home improvement guide for those who want to turn their utility room basement into a room to be enjoyed by the entire family, or just one person. Basements present their own challenges, such as moisture, lack of heat and light, among other issues, but many ideas are presented to remedy these. With extra advice on morphing one’s basement into many types of more useful rooms, The Complete Guide to Finishing Basements is a fine choice for anyone who wants to make their bottom level something special.”

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This book has some really great photos to look at and get ideas from. I would remind anyone that buys this book that it is primarily for newer homes or homes built after 1980 and on with the newer building codes and specs. I mean most of the instructions and photos are based off of those types of homes, so if you have a older homes with a wet or leaking or humid basement that was built before 1980 or 1970 then this book is not going to help you a whole lot. The finish ideas in this book are very good with excellent instructions and steps to follow that work but only on the newer built homes. The methods or ideas for correcting or fixing your humidity or leaking water or wet basement problems are not addressed in this book and you will need to seek out other sources that do. This book is very good at giving modern finish ideas for how to frame in walls, load or non-load walls, step by step. It also is very good at showing how to install bathrooms in basements that are the same as in this book otherwise you will have to seek other sources for help. The photos of

demonstration are excellent, the book shows. This book also shows you what type of tools to use on your projects in the basement, it also gives very good planning steps and ideas, along with how to estimate your material needs. The best thing about the book is that it is very good with showing how to finish out a room or new bathroom or whatever type of room you decide to build or finish out in your basement, it also gives tips and ideas about the most basic of codes for building which is good. I would definitely recommend this book to others and I am glad I bought it, for I got out of it what I needed and wanted, many good ideas with excellent photos and instructions for basement work.

It is a decent book in my opinion. Complete with lots of pictures and thick enough to be considered worthwhile. My chief complaint is a lack of variety in circumstances. I could wish my basement was a perfect concrete wall matching up to a perfect ceiling, but it isn't. There could be a variety of scenarios covered for the different types of basements. While I understand that not every scenario could possibly be covered, an example is where my basement walls are half foundation and half above ground unfinished wall. I want to be a DIY'er which is the only thing I can imagine this book is published for, but the book only seems to cover the perfect scenarios.

This book covers every aspect of basement finishing. And many of those concepts, like plbing a bathroom or laying tile, are useful in other areas of your house.

Great for more than just basements! Gives me the confidence to take on any project around the house- repairing squeaky stairs, installing an egress window, hanging drywall, etc. Much better than trying to decide which YouTube video has the best advice or trying to find a WikiHow that explains the principals of home improvement in a way that can be applied to your specific house.

Just meh...

Very happy With it. Great resource.

A pretty good resource if you're looking to build a basement room. Well written with pictures. Only thing I don't like is the too-polished pictures they include. Includes some real pictures of real people doing work.

Planning the basement finishing. I have an older home so clearance not fabulous. The book gives

good details about planning and maximizing the height, and the steps, in order, that you should take to make sure your job will last and be warm/cozy for years.

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