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**Workshop**  
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"Become Your Own Handywoman"

**July & August  
Classes Are  
Scheduled!**

### Question for You...

What's your favorite home improvement or repair reference material?

Books, Magazines, Websites or articles.

Please email me!

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# Workshop News

"Becoming Your Own Handywoman"

## Do It Yourself References

I am often asked to recommend reference materials for the "do-it-yourselfer". Below is a list of my current favorites. Disclaimer: All the references listed have either been recommended to me or I have stumbled upon them in my search for information and is by no means a complete list. If you have a favorite reference item, I would love to hear from you! Just click on the link to the left of this article and send me the information.

### Books

[New Complete Do-it-Yourself Manual](#). Readers Digest (ISBN 0-89577-378-3)

This book has wonderful pictures and covers a little bit of just about everything. It's a great general overview.

[The Complete Guide to Home Plumbing](#) Black & Decker (ISBN 10:1-58923-201-1)

This book has terrific pictures and gives you information for everything from the basics of plumbing to more advanced skills.

[The Complete Guide To Home Wiring](#) Black & Decker (ISBN 10:1-58923-213-5)

Same as above. Black & Decker has a whole series of these books. I found mine at the Ace Hardware in Highlands Ranch. Not all Ace's carry books so call ahead.

[The Plumber's Troubleshooting Guide](#) R. Dodge Woodson (ISBN 0-07-071777-X)

This book is not easy to find and is not very well written BUT it does have some good case studies and examples of actual problems.

### [How to Build a House](#)

Habitat for Humanity (ISBN 1-56158-532-7)

Habitat has done a terrific job of covering all the details of how a house is built, from the foundation up to the roof. There are good explanations of how to do some relatively complicated carpentry skills like cutting stringers for stairs, shingling a roof and installing doors. Even if you don't plan to build your own house this is a great read!

### Magazines

#### [The Family Handyman](#)

A Reader's Digest publication. This is by far my favorite reference material. Everyone and anyone interested in home

repairs, improvement and maintenance should get a subscription.

### Websites

THE FAMILY HANDYMAN  
[thefamilyhandyman.com](http://thefamilyhandyman.com)

The website is full of useful information, too.

#### DIY CHATROOM

[diychatroom.com](http://diychatroom.com)

This is a chatroom where people from the very skilled to the novice can ask questions and get advice. I'd suggest just reading the posts for a while before asking questions just to get to know who the people are that give good advice. There are several professional electricians, plumbers and contractors that regularly answer questions. Some others are no more skilled than you or me.

CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

[www.cmhc.ca](http://www.cmhc.ca)

I know this one may seem odd, but I recommend subscribing to the newsletter. The website has a wealth of information about homes, renovations, safety and more and the newsletter has some excellent information and references.

## Women Build Starts August 6th

### Dust off your toolbelt and hardhat!

The 2008 Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver Women Build House starts Wednesday August 6th. The house is located in

North Aurora near the intersection of I-225 and Colfax. Visit the Women Build page at [www.habitatmetrodenver.org](http://www.habitatmetrodenver.org) for details about the build, the location and volunteering. This site should

be updated by mid-July. You will be able to sign up on line to volunteer later on this month. As always feel free to call Judy with any questions at 303-284-6354